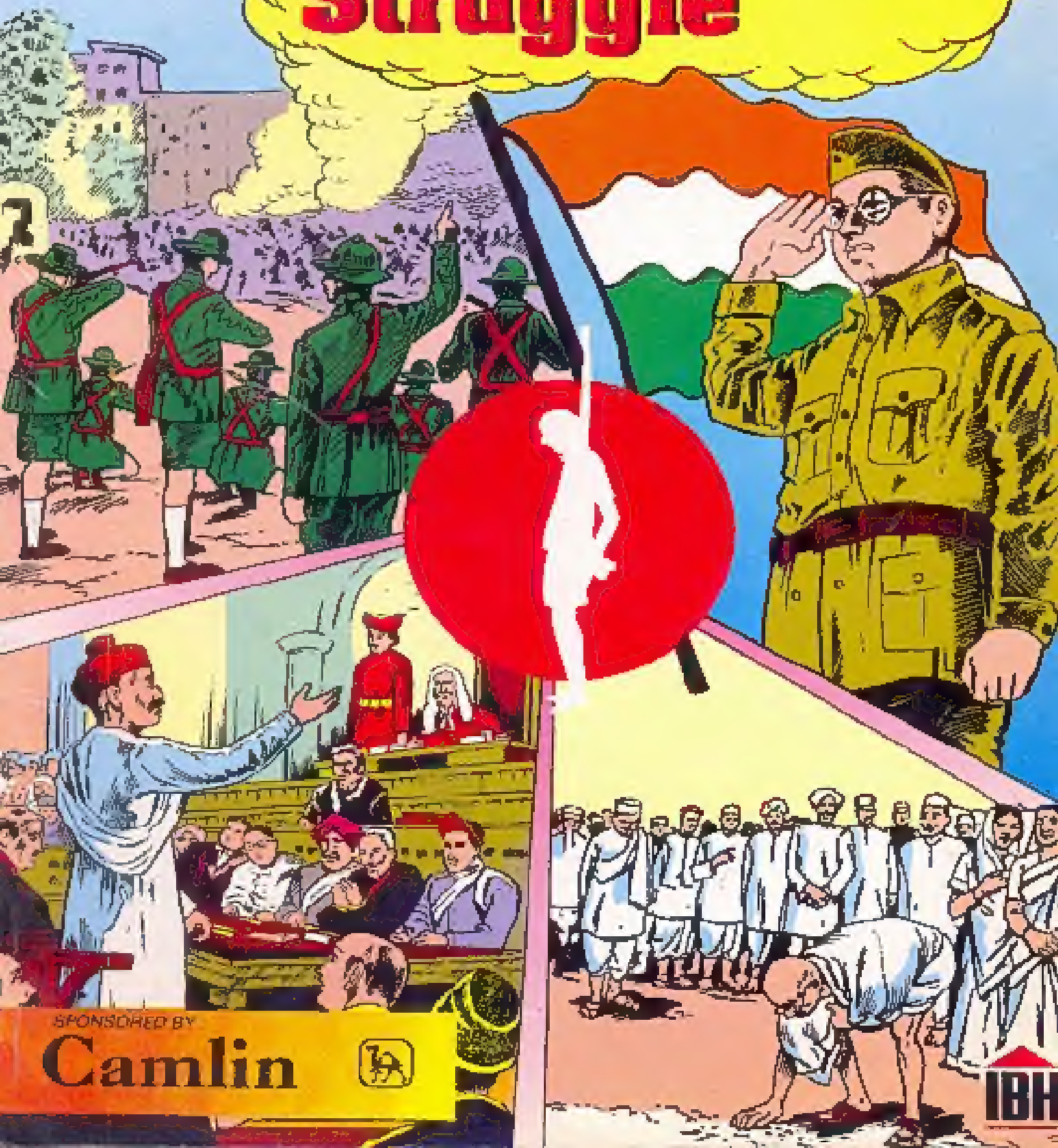




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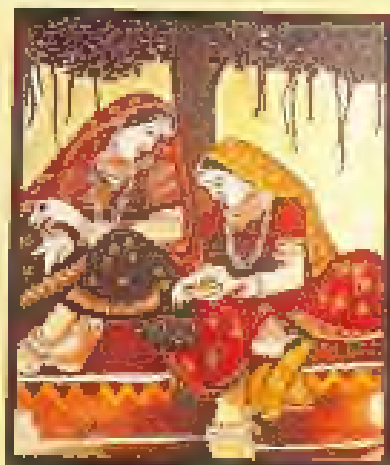


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PRAFULLA CHAKI, A MEMBER OF THE BOMB SQUAD  
KILLED HIMSELF, WHEN HIS ARREST SEEMED  
IMMINENT...



...AND KHUDIRAM BOSE, THE OTHER REVOLUTIONARY,  
STOOD TRIAL.

I AM SORRY TWO  
INNOCENT LADIES  
WERE KILLED. MY ONLY  
REGRET IS THAT  
KINGSFORD IS STILL  
ALIVE.

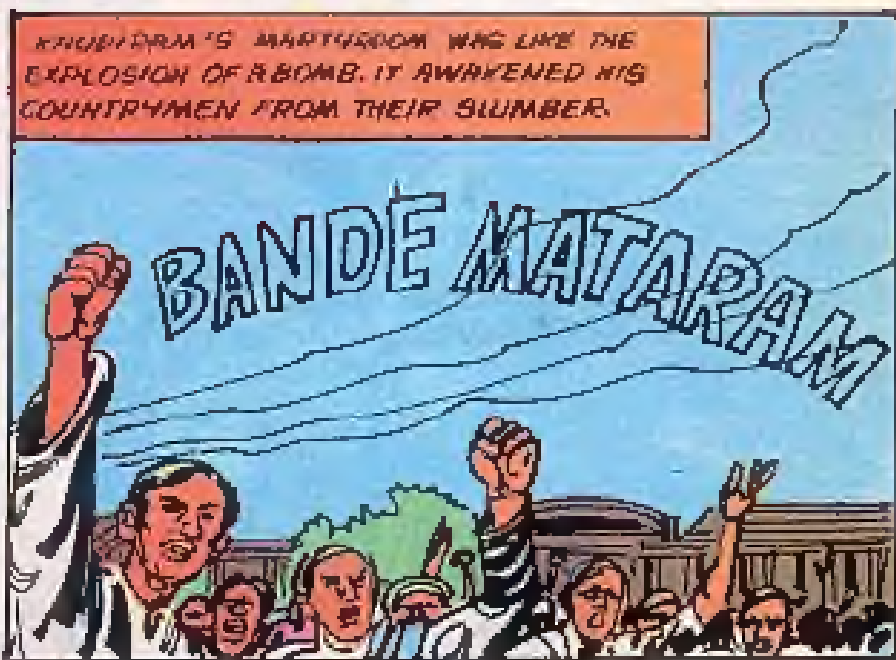


KHUDIRAM WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

I HAVE READ  
THE GITA. I DO  
NOT FEAR  
DEATH.



KHUDIRAM'S MARTYRDOM WAS LIKE THE  
EXPLOSION OF A BOMB. IT AWAKENED HIS  
COUNTRYMEN FROM THEIR SLUMBER.

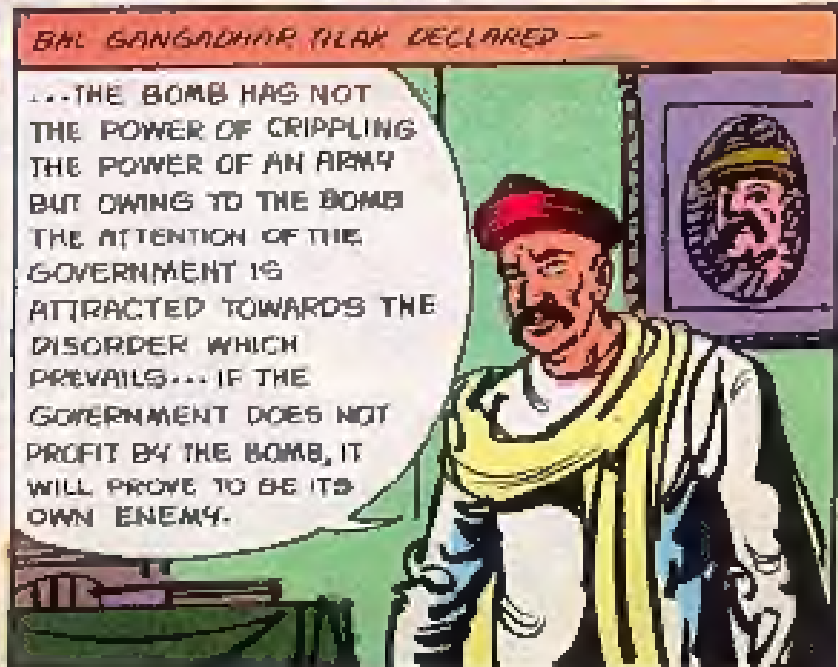


HE MOUNTED THE SCAFFOLD WITH HIS HEAD  
HELD HIGH. HE WAS CHEERFUL AND SMILING  
IN THE FACE OF DEATH.



BAL GANGADHAR TILAK DECLARED —

...THE BOMB HAS NOT  
THE POWER OF CRIPPLING  
THE POWER OF AN ARMY  
BUT OWING TO THE BOMB  
THE ATTENTION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT IS  
ATTRACTED TOWARDS THE  
DISORDER WHICH  
PREVAILS... IF THE  
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT  
PROFIT BY THE BOMB, IT  
WILL PROVE TO BE ITS  
OWN ENEMY.





# THE STORY OF THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE



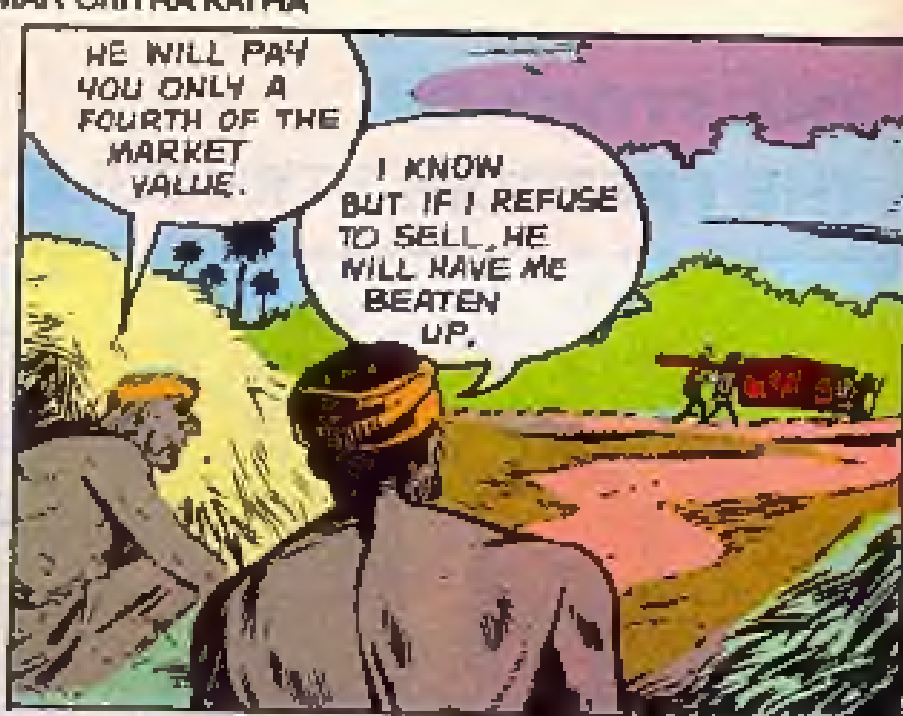
AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE MUGHAL RULE IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE 16TH CENTURY, OUR COUNTRY WAS TORN BY STRIFE. OUR WARRING PRINCES SOUGHT THE HELP OF THE BRITISH TO SETTLE THEIR PRIVATE SCORES. THE BRITISH SEIZED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH THEIR RULE, AND THEY DID IT SLOWLY AND STEADILY AND BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 18TH CENTURY, THEY BECAME THE PARAMOUNT POWER IN OUR COUNTRY.

AMONG THE FIRST TO SUFFER WERE THE MERCHANTS ENGAGED IN FOREIGN TRADE, WHOM THE EAST INDIA COMPANY FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS; AND THE NEXT WERE THE ARTISANS, CULTIVATORS AND TRADERS OF BENGAL, WHOM THE COMPANY'S MEN HARASSED AND BULLIED.





AND FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL SELL YOUR PRODUCE ONLY TO US.



HE WILL PAY YOU ONLY A FOURTH OF THE MARKET VALUE.

I KNOW BUT IF I REFUSE TO SELL, HE WILL HAVE ME BEATEN UP.

THE COMPANY'S MEN, WHO ALSO CARRIED ON PRIVATE TRADE, REFUSED TO PAY OCTROI.



HOW DARE YOU STOP US! CAN'T YOU SEE OUR FLAG?

I BEEG YOUR... PARDON... SAHIB.

AND IT WAS THIS THAT HURT NAWAB MIR KASIM.



I HAVE NO MORAL RIGHT TO COLLECT OCTROI FROM MY SUBJECTS WHEN I CAN'T GET THE FIRANGEEES TO PAY. I HAVE ONLY ONE OPTION OPEN TO ME.

MIR KASIM'S MOVE EVOKED AN UNCALLED FOR PROTEST FROM THE EAST INDIA COMPANY. BUT HE WAS FIRM.



NO OCTROI SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM ANYONE. MY ORDER SHALL STAND, COME WHAT MAY.



WE SHALL FIGHT THE FIRANGEEES IF NEED BE!

AND MIR KASIM ROSE IN REVOLT AGAINST THE BRITISH — THE FIRST EVER INDIAN RULER TO DO SO. HOWEVER, HE LOST, AND ANOTHER NAWAB WAS BROUGHT TO POWER BY THE COMPANY.

MEANWHILE AS OUR FABRICS CONTINUED TO BE IN GREAT DEMAND IN EUROPE, THE COMPANY'S MEN IN BENGAL COMPELLED OUR WEAVERS TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEM.

... AND YOU WILL WORK ON OUR TERMS.

THE WAGES OFFERED TO THEM WERE FAR LOWER THAN WHAT THEY RECEIVED FROM OUR TRADERS.

AND IF A WEAVER DARED TO ASK FOR A FAIR WAGE —

ALL RIGHT. HERE IS THE WAGE WE FIXED...

... AND HERE IS THE EXTRA YOU DEMAND

SAHIB!

IF A WEAVER DARED TO WORK ON HIS OWN OR FOR OUR TRADERS —

YOU WRETCH!

NO!

YOU CAN DELIVER THIS TO YOUR AGENT.



OUR TRADERS OR THEIR AGENTS WHO TRIED TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF THE WEAVERS WERE FLOGGED.



AND GUARDS WERE POSTED TO KEEP A WATCH ON THE WEAVERS.



OPPRESSED BY THE BRITISH, THOUSANDS OF WEAVERS FLED THEIR HOMES.

MEANWHILE MANCHESTER HAD BEGUN PRODUCING COTTON CLOTH ON POWER-LOOMS. AND BRITAIN KILLED THE SALE OF OUR FABRICS IN HER MARKETS BY RAISING THE IMPORT DUTIES ON OUR GOODS TO NEARLY 80%. THE BRITISH GOODS CAME INTO OUR COUNTRY DUTY-FREE.



MOREOVER, THE GOVERNMENT HERE RAISED THE TAXES ON OUR FABRICS AND GLASHED THOSE ON BRITISH CLOTH.

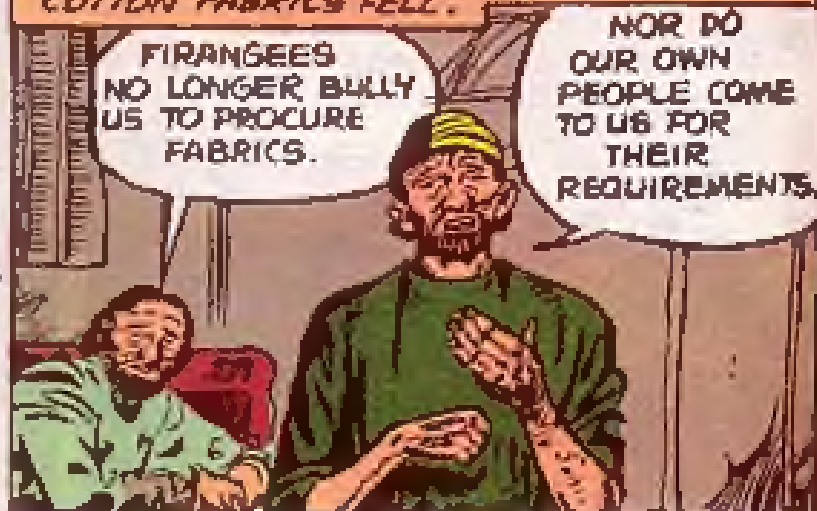
I PREFER IMPORTED CLOTH ANY DAY. IT IS SO CHEAP.



GRADUALLY THE DEMAND FOR OUR OWN COTTON FABRICS FELL.

FIRANGEES NO LONGER BULLY US TO PROCURE FABRICS.

NOR DO OUR OWN PEOPLE COME TO US FOR THEIR REQUIREMENTS.



WHILE THE WEAVERS AND MILL-OWNERS OF BRITAIN PROSPERED, OUR ARTISANS LOST THEIR MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD.

DADA! YOUR LOOMS! DO SOMETHING.



LET THEM BURN. I SET THEM ON FIRE. THEY ARE OF NO USE ANY MORE.



MANY OF THE WEAVERS SOUGHT JOBS AS HIRED AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.

OUR COUNTRYMEN, HOWEVER, WERE FARING NO BETTER ON THE AGRICULTURAL FRONT. THE COMPANY HAD OBTAINED FROM THE TITULAR MUGHAL EMPEROR THE RIGHT TO COLLECT THE LAND REVENUE IN BENGAL, BIHAR AND ORISSA.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE DUES FROM YOUR VILLAGE.

I AM DOING MY BEST TO COLLECT THE REVENUE FROM THE CULTIVATORS, SAHIB.

THIS TIME WE HAD A POOR HARVEST. OUR CULTIVATORS HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTIES...

NONSENSE!

MAKE THEM PAY! TAKE AWAY THEIR LAND IF THEY DON'T.

NOT THAT, SAHIB!

IN OUR COUNTRY PEASANTS HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO LAND AS TO AIR AND WATER.

NO ONE--NOT EVEN THE NAWAB HAS THE RIGHT TO DEPRIVE A MAN OF THE LAND HE HAS BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION.

COLLECTING REVENUE IS NOT MY ONLY RESPONSIBILITY. I HAVE ALSO TO DISPENSE JUSTICE, TO PROTECT MY...

THEN I ADVISE YOU TO MAKE COLLECTING REVENUE YOUR ONLY RESPONSIBILITY.



THE COMPANY DID AWAY WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM BY APPOINTING A NEW BREED OF ZAMINDARS. THEY WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THE RETURNS THEY PROMISED AND THEIR TERM VARIED FROM ONE TO FIVE YEARS.

THE COMPANY EXPECTS PROMPT PAYMENT. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS.



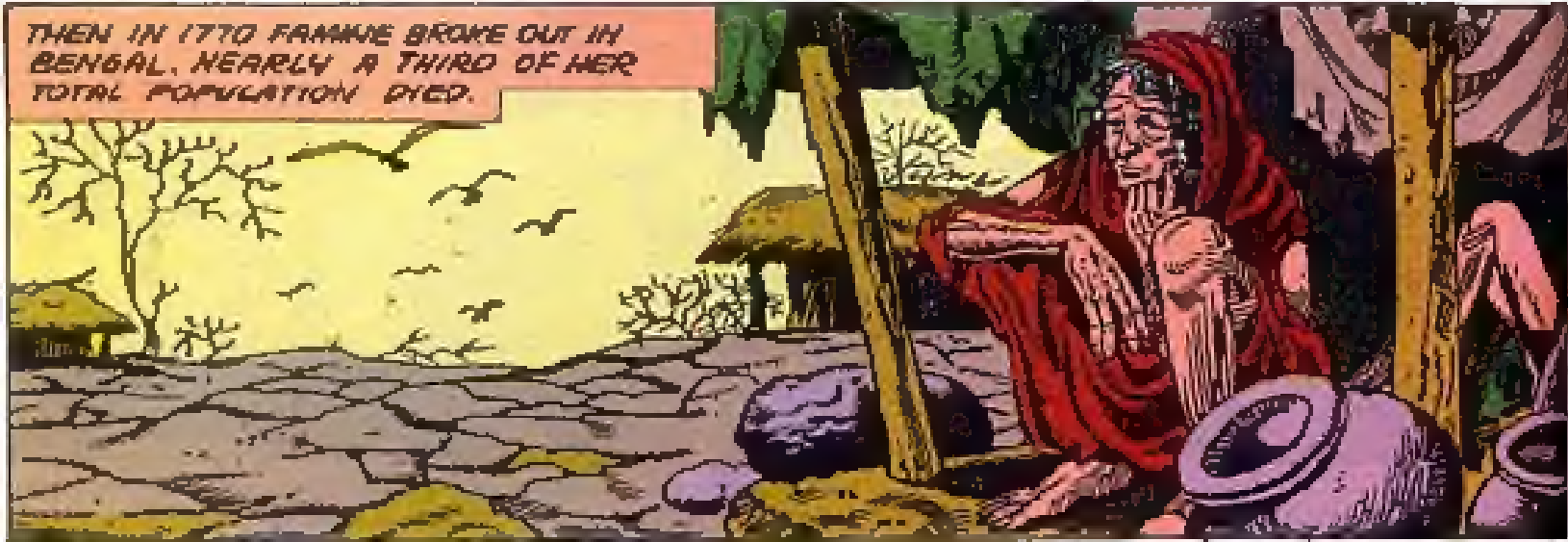
OUTSIDERS FROM DISTANT TOWNS AND CITIES WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT FARMING BECAME ZAMINDARS. THEY DID NOT EVEN VISIT THE VILLAGES. THEY SENT THEIR AGENTS TO EXACT REVENUE FROM THE PEASANTS.

HUJOO, YOU CANNOT TAKE AWAY ALL THE PRODUCE. WHAT WILL WE EAT?

THAT IS NOT MY CONCERN. I AM HERE TO COLLECT DUES.



THEN IN 1770 FAMINE BROKE OUT IN BENGAL. NEARLY A THIRD OF HER TOTAL POPULATION DIED.



BUT THE COMPANY RUTHLESSLY EXACTED ITS DUES.

SIR, WE HAVE MET THE REVENUE TARGET THIS YEAR TOO.

GOOD SHOW! KEEP IT UP.



THE SEEDS KEPT ASIDE FOR THE NEXT SOWING, TOO, WERE CORNERED, CAUSING A FURTHER RISE IN THE PRICE OF FOOD GRAIN.

THE FLIGHT OF OUR COUNTRYMEN GREW FROM BAD TO WORSE. AT DINNIPUR IN BENGAL —



WHIP HER!  
THROW THEM OUT  
OF THEIR HOUSE.  
AUCTION THEIR  
BELONGINGS.



DEBI SINGH, THE CRUEL AGENT THE COMPANY HAD APPOINTED, SPARED NONE.

THEN GOVERNOR-GENERAL CORNWALLIS ENTERED THE SCENE AND INTRODUCED THE SYSTEM OF PERMANENT SETTLEMENT UNDER WHICH THE ZAMINDARS BECAME THE OWNERS OF THE LAND FROM WHICH THEY HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT REVENUE.



HOW MUCH REVENUE  
SHOULD WE COLLECT  
FROM THE PEASANTS?



BUT IF WHAT IS DUE TO US IS NOT PAID,  
YOUR ESTATE WILL BE SEIZED AND  
GOLD BY PUBLIC  
AUCTION.



IN MATTERS OF RELIGION, IT WAS THE  
MISSIONARY WHO OFFENDED  
THE SENTIMENTS OF OUR COUNTRYMEN.

THEY LURE OUR  
CHILDREN AWAY  
AND THE COURTS  
SUPPORT THEM.

THE ONE AIM OF  
ALL FIRINGEES IS TO  
CONVERT ALL OF US  
TO THEIR  
RELIGION



IT WAS THIS FEAR WHICH TRIGGERED OFF THE SEPOY MUTINY IN 1857

FAT FROM COWS AND PIGS IS BEING USED TO GREASE THE CARTRIDGES FOR THE NEW MUSKET

THEY WANT TO DEFILE US! IT IS ALL PART OF A PLOT TO CONVERT US TO CHRISTIANITY



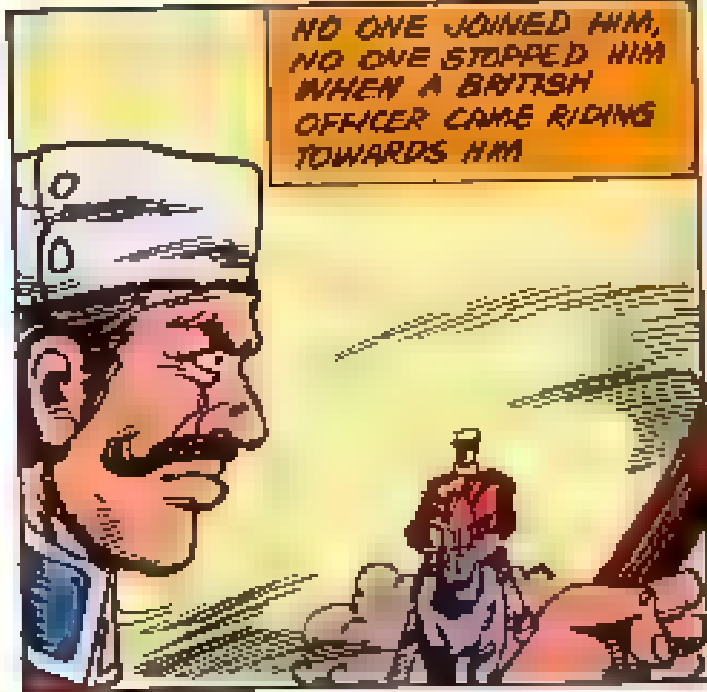
AND ONE DAY—

RISE AND TAKE UP ARMS! JOIN ME! STRIKE A BLOW FOR YOUR RELIGION!

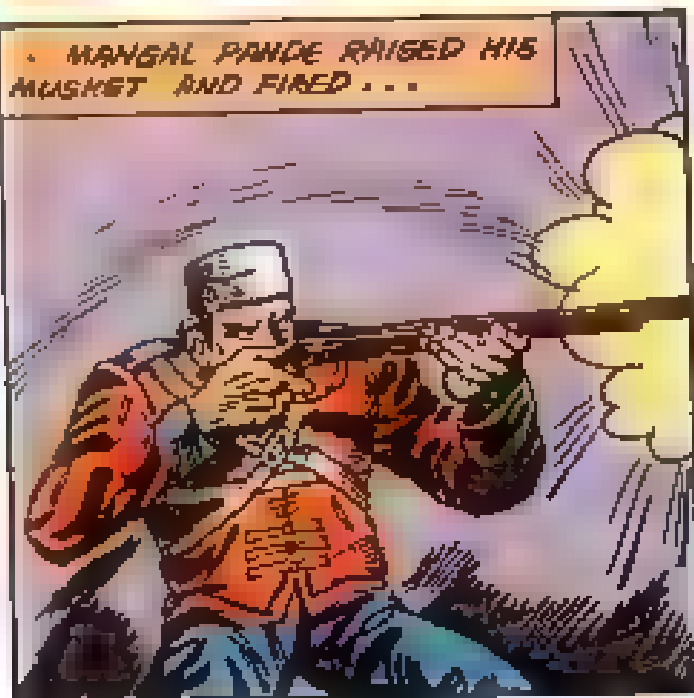
THE SOLDIER WHO GAVE THE CALL WAS MANGAL PANDE



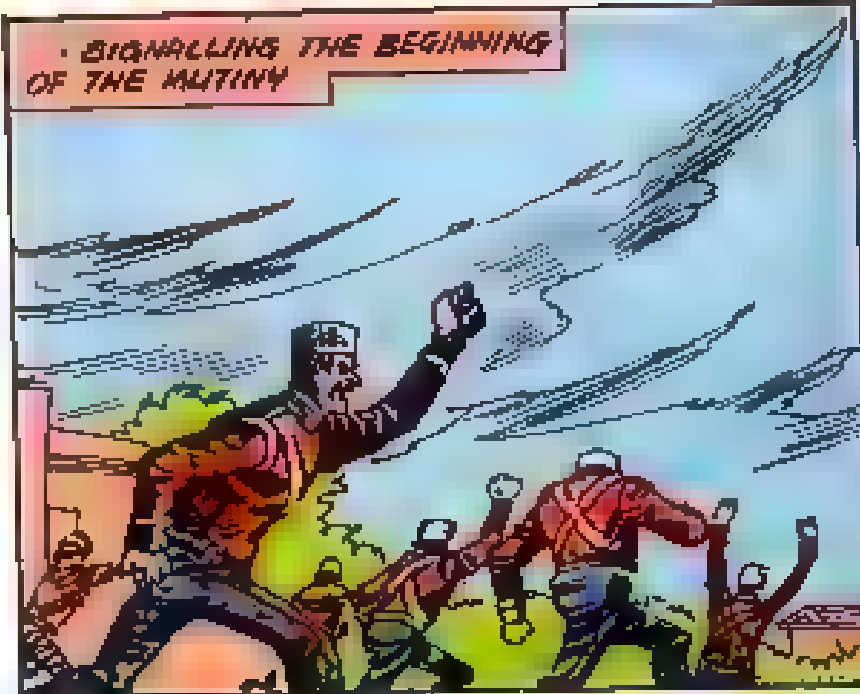
NO ONE JOINED HIM, NO ONE STOPPED HIM WHEN A BRITISH OFFICER CAME RIDING TOWARDS HIM



MANGAL PANDE RAISED HIS MUSKET AND FIRED...




SIGNALLING THE BEGINNING OF THE MUTINY



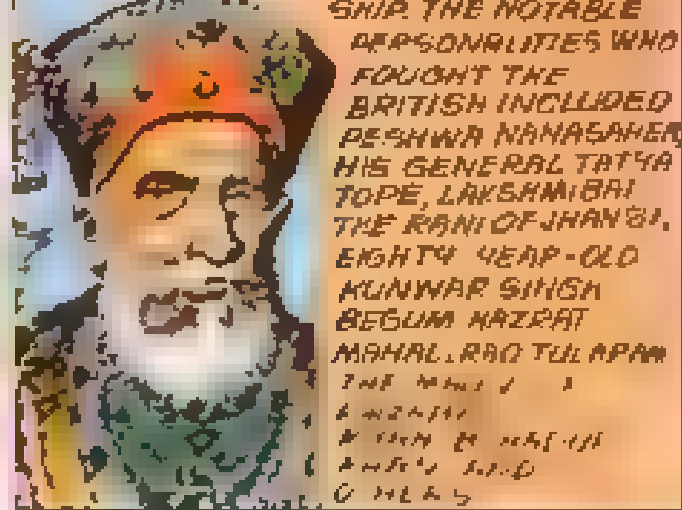


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WHAT BEGAN AS A RIOTING SOON GREW INTO A  
REVOLT OUR FARMERS, TRADERS, PROFESSIONALS,  
MAJAS NAWABS ALL JOINED THE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST THE BRITISH



BAHADUR SHAH II FEAR THE  
EIGHTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD MUGHAL  
CAME OUT OF RETIREMENT  
AND ASSUMED LEADER  
SHIP. THE NOTABLE  
PERSONALITIES WHO  
FOUGHT THE  
BRITISH INCLUDED  
PESHWA NANASAHEB  
HIS GENERAL TATYA  
TOPE, LAKSHMIBAI  
THE RANI OF JHANSI,  
EIGHTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD  
KUNWAR SINGH  
BEGUM HAZRAT  
MAHAL, RAO TULAPAM  
THE MARATHA  
GENERAL  
AND THE MARATHA  
GENERAL  
CHAND



THE ANSWER WE HAD SUSPECTED FOR  
NEARLY A CENTURY NOW, FORTH WITH A  
VENGEANCE

**FIRANGEEES!  
KILL THEM !**



EVEN IN TIMES THESE DAYS WHEN  
PATIENTS CAN WITHSTAND AN  
OPERATION WHEN PROVIDED THE PROPER  
FACILITIES TO HELPLESS BORN WITH  
MIND CHILDREN

NO ONE WILL HARM  
YOU YOU WILL  
BE FREE  
HERE

T H F P B A T  
T H F P B A T



THOUGH THE BRITISH SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES  
IN THE BEGINNING, THEY WERE ABLE TO  
REPAIR, DEPLOY FORCES AND RE-GAIN LOST  
POSITIONS AND THE VICTORY SHOWED NO MERCY  
TO THE VANQUISHED VILLAGES WERE SET ON  
FIRE, AND OUR COUNTRYMEN WERE KILLED IN  
LARGE NUMBERS.

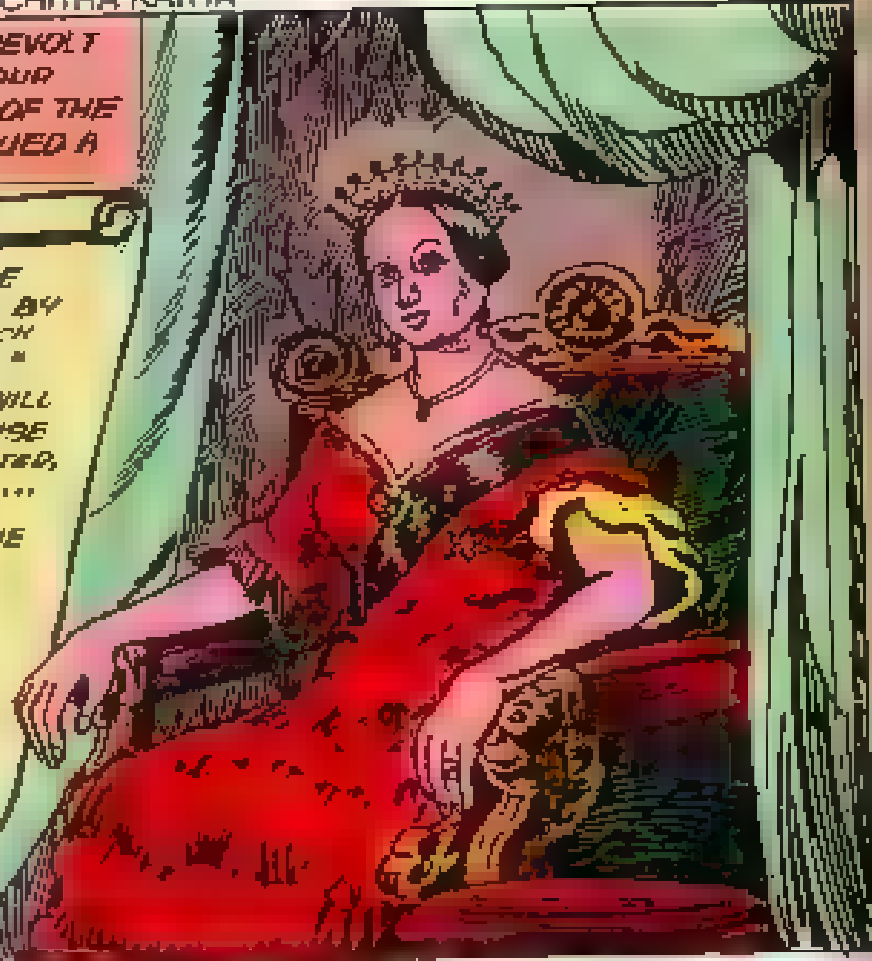


THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF THE REVOLT OF 1857 WAS THE TRANSFER OF POWER. OUR COUNTRY CAME UNDER THE DIRECT RULE OF THE CROWN IN 1858, AND QUEEN VICTORIA ISSUED A PROCLAMATION:

"WE HOLD OURSELVES BOUND TO THE NATIVES OF OUR INDIAN TERRITORIES BY THE SAME OBLIGATIONS OF DUTY WHICH BIND US TO ALL OUR OTHER SUBJECTS"

"WE DECLARE IT TO BE OUR ROYAL WILL AND PLEASURE THAT NONE BE IN ANY WISE FAVOURED, NONE MOLESTED OR DISCRIMINATED, BY REASON OF THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITH... BUT THAT ALL SHALL ALIKE ENJOY THE EQUAL AND IMPARTIAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW."

"... AND IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL THAT SO FAR AS MAY BE, OUR SUBJECTS OF WHATEVER RACE OR CREED, BE FREELY AND IMPARTIALLY ADMITTED TO OFFICES IN OUR SERVICE, THE DUTIES OF WHICH THEY MAY BE QUALIFIED BY THEIR EDUCATION ABILITY AND INTEGRITY DULY TO DISCHARGE."



OUR YOUTH, PARTICULARLY THE NEW GENERATION EXPOSED TO ENGLISH EDUCATION AND WESTERN IDEAS OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY, SAW HOPE IN THE QUEEN'S PROCLAMATION. HOWEVER, HOPE SOON CAME WAY TO DISILLUSIONMENT.

YES, ALL ARE EQUAL. BUT ENGLISHMEN ARE MORE EQUAL.



IN THEIR EYES, A COMMON WHITE-SKINNED CRIMINAL CONTINUES TO BE SUPERIOR TO AN HONEST INDIAN. OUR JUDGES, EVEN NOW, ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TRY A CASE AGAINST A WHITE-SKINNED CRIMINAL.



IN BENGAL INDIGO CULTIVATORS RESORTED TO A NON-VIOLENT STRUGGLE AGAINST THEIR EUROPEAN OPPRESSORS OUR PRESS WHICH HAD COME OF AGE BY THEN, EXPOSED THE CRUELTY OF THE EUROPEAN PLANTERS THE HINDU PATRIOT WROTE

THE RYOTS HAVE BEEN BEATEN, IMPRISONED, QUARTERED, STARVED IMPRISONED, QUARTERED FROM HOME VILLAGES HAVE BEEN BURNT MEN CARRIED OFF WOMEN VIOLATED STORES OF GRAIN DESTROYED YET THE RYOTS HAVE NOT YIELDED, THEY HAVE NOT CEASED TO HOPE AFTER FREEDOM WHICH THEY FEEL TO BE THEIR BIRTH RIGHT



WHILE OUR ENGLISH-EDUCATED COUNTRYMEN BROUGHT OUT NEWSPAPERS AND FORMED ASSOCIATIONS, OUR RURAL POOR IN THE DELTA TOOK UP LUDGEBLANKS AGAINST THE MONEY LENDERS PROMISSORY NOTES WERE BURNED AND HOARDERS OF FOOD-GRAIN LOOTED

AND WHILE OUR PERSANTS ATTACKED THE MONEY-LENDERS, VASUDEO BALMIANT PHADKE, A YOUNG PATRIOT, TRACED OUR RANK POVERTY BACK TO THE BRITISH

THE FIRANGEE'S! IT IS THEY WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR POVERTY AND SUFFERINGS



HE RESORTED TO ARMED STRUGGLE





MORE THAN VASUDEO PHADKE'S ACTS OF REBELLION, WHAT ALARMED THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES WAS THE ROUSING WELCOME HE RECEIVED WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO PUNE ON HIS ARREST



TO INDIANS,  
HE IS A  
HERO!



THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTOR QUOTED FROM THE DIARY IN WHICH PHADKE HAD RECORDED HIS THOUGHTS

THE INHABITANTS  
OF INDIA ARE STARVING  
TO DEATH UNDER  
BRITISH RULE.



THESE DYING PEOPLE ASK IF THE CHILDREN BORN TO THE SAME MOTHER LAND TO WHICH I WAS BORN THAT THEY SHOULD DIE OF STARVATION FOR NO FOOD AND I SHOULD EARN MY PITY LIKE A DOG I CANNOT BEAR



THINKING DAY AND NIGHT OF THIS AND A THOUSAND OTHER MISERIES USED TO WAKE UP IN THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT AND BROOD OVER THE OVERTHROW OF THE BRITISH RULE



...UNTIL I WENT  
ALMOST MAD WITH  
THE IDEA



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WASUDED BALWANT PHADKE STOOD LIKE A ROCK UNTIL THE JUDGEMENT WAS DELIVERED.

THE SENTENCE I PASS UPON YOU IS IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

LATER WHEN HE WAS ALONE

ON MY COUNTRYMEN, YOU HAVE NOT DERIVED ANY BENEFIT FROM ME. COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH MY TASK. PLEASE PARDON ME FOR MY FAILURES.

PHADKE WAS SENT TO JAIL IN ALEXANDRIA, A BRITISH COLONY, IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

ENLIGHTENED BRITISH OFFICIALS WHO WISHED US WELL WERE EQUALLY CONCERNED.

WHAT IF THE GROWING BAND OF EDUCATED INDIAN YOUTH JOINS HANDS WITH THE REBELS?

THEY WILL, UNLESS THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH A SAFETY-VALVE, A SAFE OUTLET FOR THEIR GROWING DISCONTENT.

HE ESCAPED FROM THE JAIL ONLY TO BE CAPTURED AGAIN AND DETAINED TIL HIS DEATH IN FEBRUARY 17, 1885.

ALLAN OCTAVIAN HUME, A SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT ABOUT TO RETIRE FROM THE SERVICE, CAME FORTH WITH A SOLUTION.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS AN ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM WHAT HER MAJESTY'S OPPOSITION DOES IN ENGLAND — POINT OUT TO THE GOVERNMENT ITS DEFECTS AND SUGGEST RIGHT ACTIONS.

WE DID HAVE SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS ALL STRIVING TO CREATE A NATIONAL AWARENESS BUT —

NONE OF THESE STAND A CHANCE THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO GROW.

TODAY AT SHIRDI, HIS BIRTHPLACE, STANDS A MEMORIAL PILLAR WITH A FLAME BURNING ATOP.

HUME WROTE AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR COUNTRYMEN

-- MAKE A RESOLUTE STRUGGLE TO SECURE GREATER FREEDOM FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR COUNTRY, A MORE IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION, A LARGER SHARE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR OWN AFFAIRS...



-- SCATTERED INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER WELL-MEANING, ARE POWERLESS, SINGLY

HE HAS MOOTED THE FORMING OF AN ALL-INDIA BODY



LET'S JOIN HUME'S ORGANIZATION. THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO BE LESS HOSTILE TO AN ORGANIZATION STARTED BY AN ENGLISHMAN

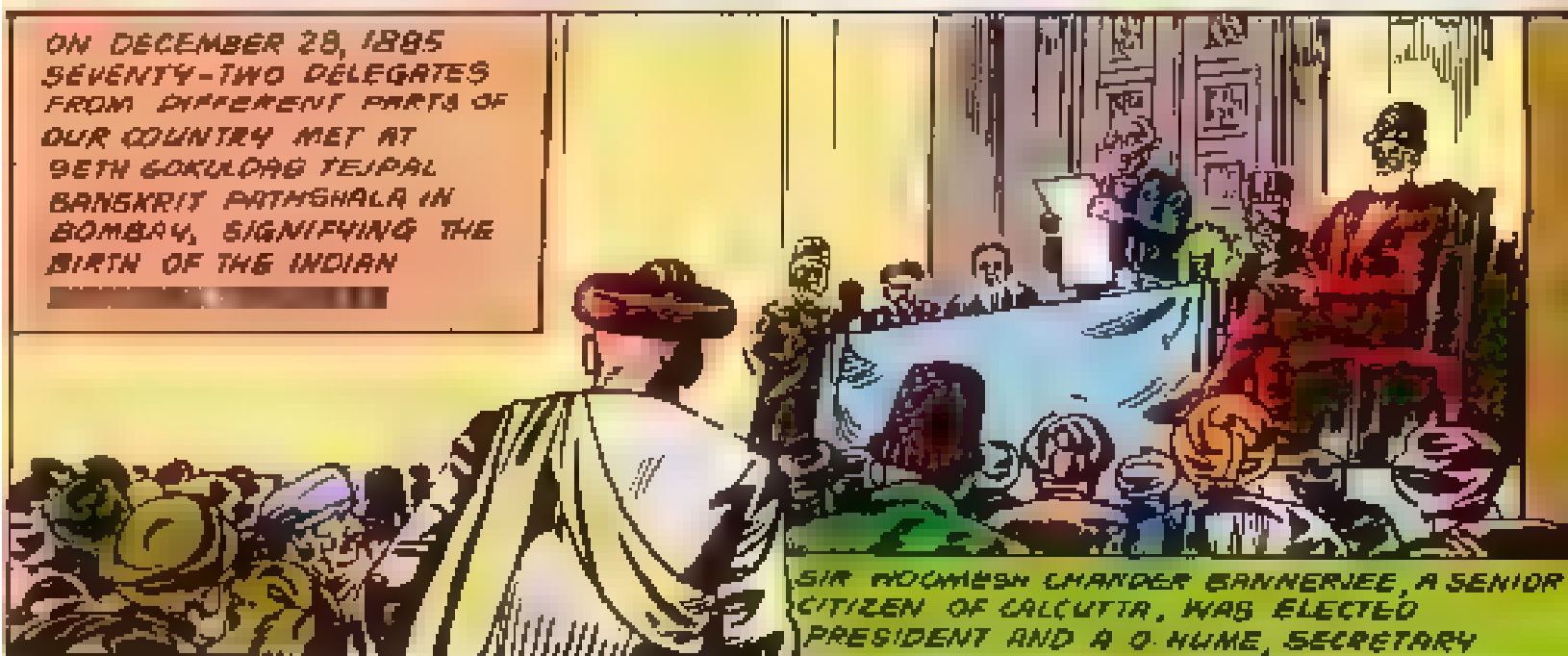


HUME RECEIVED A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM MANY OF OUR EDUCATED COUNTRYMEN

A GOOD START



ON DECEMBER 28, 1885 SEVENTY-TWO DELEGATES FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY MET AT 9ETH GOKULDAS TEJPAL BANGKRIT PATHSHALA IN BOMBAY, SIGNIFYING THE BIRTH OF THE INDIAN



SIR MOOMESH CHANDER BANNERJEE, A SENIOR CITIZEN OF CALCUTTA, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND A O HUME, SECRETARY



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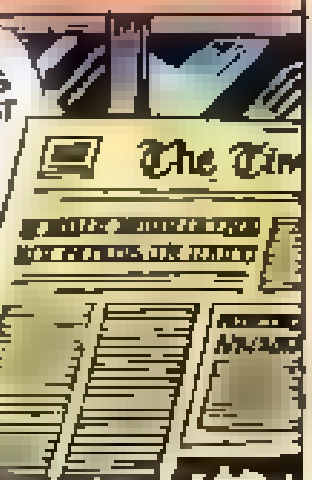
THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS DISCUSSED AND PASSED NINE RESOLUTIONS

WE SEEK ADMISSION OF A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS...AND THE CREATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO CONSIDER FORMAL PROTESTS FROM THE MAJORITY IN THE COUNCIL



OUR LEADERS SPOKE WITH MODERATION AND EXPRESSED THEIR LOYALTY TO THE BRITISH CROWN. YET THE TIMES, THE LEADING NEWSPAPER IN ENGLAND, CAME OUT WITH SCATHING COMMENTS

IT WAS BY FORCE THAT INDIA WAS WON, AND IT IS BY FORCE THAT INDIA MUST BE GOVERNED...IF WE WERE TO WITHDRAW, IT WOULD BE IN FAVOUR NOT OF THE MOST FLUENT TONGUE OR OF THE MOST READY PEN, BUT THE STRONGEST AND THE SHARPEST SWORD.



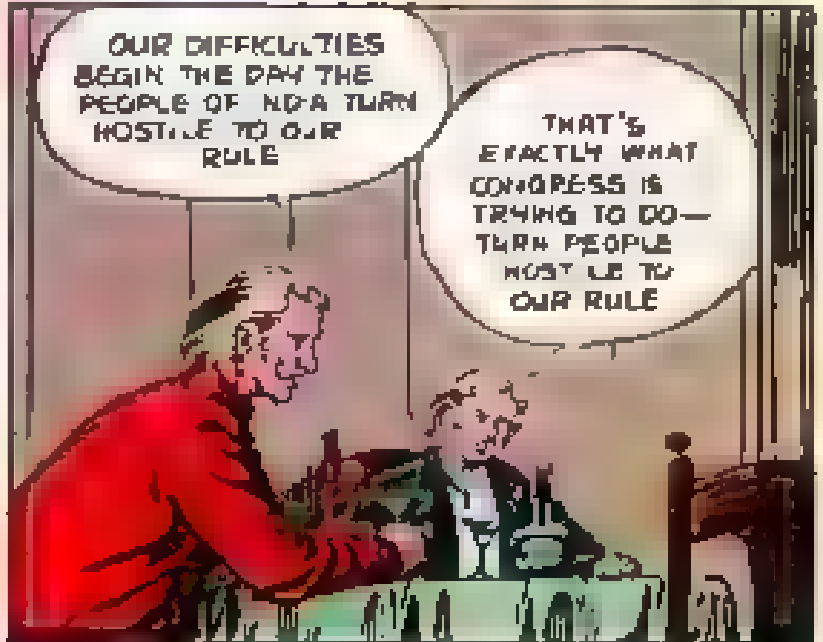
THE BIRTH OF THE CONGRESS WAS A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AMONG ENGLISHMEN

SO FAR, IN ALL OUR WARS THE PEOPLE OF INDIA HAVE NOT BEEN AGAINST US OUR WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT AGAINST PAJAS AND NAWABS AND ON THEIR DEFEAT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE EQUALLY ACCEPTED OUR RULE



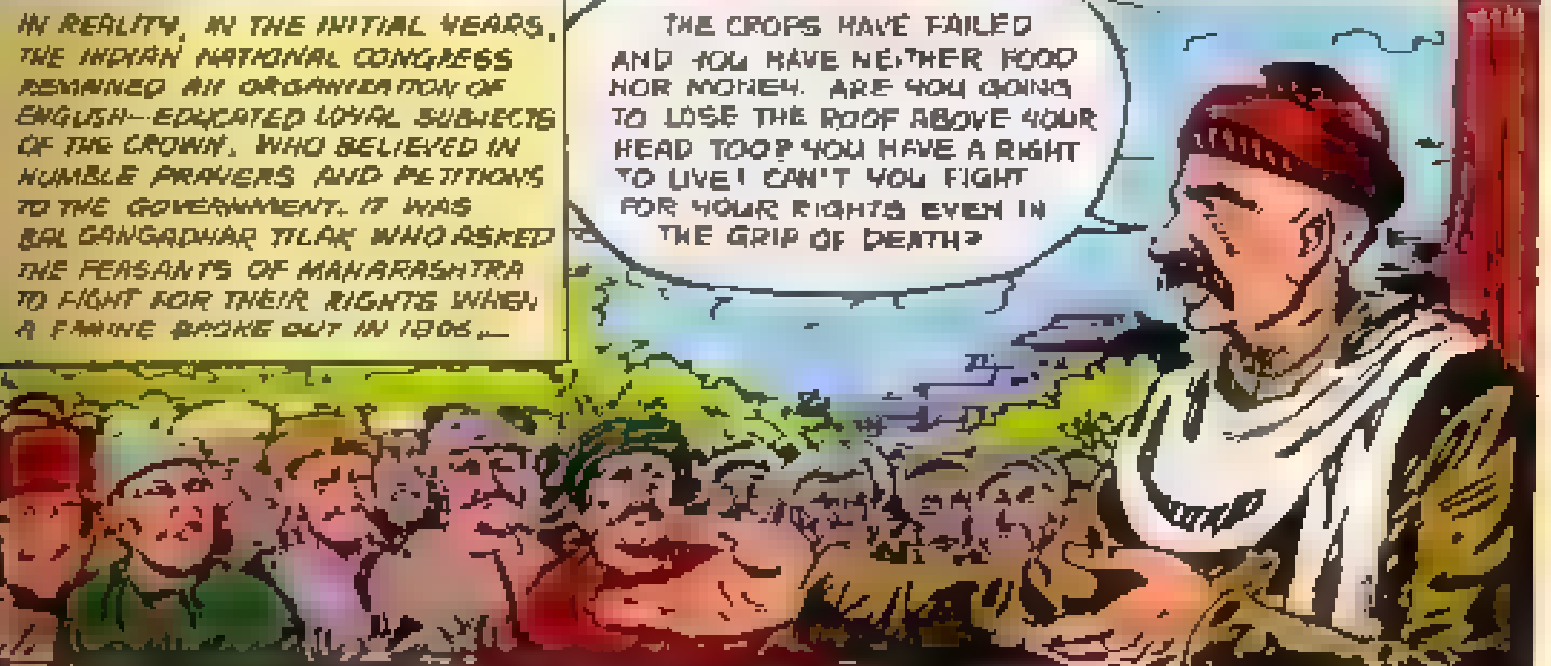
OUR DIFFICULTIES BEGIN THE DAY THE PEOPLE OF INDIA TURN HOSTILE TO OUR RULE

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT CONGRESS IS TRYING TO DO—TURN PEOPLE HOSTILE TO OUR RULE



IN REALITY, IN THE INITIAL YEARS, THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS REMAINED AN ORGANIZATION OF ENGLISH-EDUCATED LOYAL SUBJECTS OF THE CROWN, WHO BELIEVED IN HUMBLE PRAYERS AND PETITIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT. IT WAS BAL GANGADHAR TILAK WHO ASKED THE PEASANTS OF MAHARASHTRA TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS WHEN A FAMINE BROKE OUT IN 1906.

THE CROPS HAVE FAILED AND YOU HAVE NEITHER FOOD NOR MONEY. ARE YOU GOING TO LOSE THE ROOF ABOVE YOUR HEAD TOO? YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE! CAN'T YOU FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS EVEN IN THE GRIP OF DEATH?



UNDER TILAK'S LEADERSHIP OUR FARMERS REFUSED TO PAY LAND REVENUE AND DEMANDED WORK AND FOOD FROM THE GOVERNMENT. HE INITIATED THE CELEBRATION OF SHIVAJI JAYANTI. HE USED THIS AND THE GAHAPATI FESTIVAL TO INCUCLATE NATIONALISM IN US AND TO INFUSE US WITH THE COURAGE TO FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS.

SHIVAJI LOVED HIS COUNTRY. HE VALUED FREEDOM.

EVEN WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SEDITION, TILAK REFUSED TO APOLOGISE FOR HIS WRITINGS IN THE KESARI\* AND WILLINGLY WENT TO PRISON.

MY POSITION AMONG THE PEOPLE DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON MY CHARACTER, AND IF I AM COWED DOWN BY PERSECUTION, I THINK LIVING IN MAHARASHTRA IS AS GOOD AS LIVING IN THE ANDAMANS\*.

IN BENGAL, THE TORCH OF NATIONALISM WAS HELD BY KUTUMBRANDH BANERJEE, BURNI CHANDRA PAL, APOBINDO GHOSH AND OTHERS. IN PUNJAB LALA LAJPAT PAL BREATHED FIRE AGAINST BRITISH RULE AND IN THE DAWN OF THE 20TH CENTURY, A NEW FORCE EMERGED IN THE COUNTRY.

"OUR EYES HAVE BEEN TURNED AWAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AWAY FROM THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT... AND OUR FACES HAVE TURNED NOW TO THE STARVING, THE NAKED, THE PATENT AND LONG SUFFERING 100 MILLIONS OF INDIAN PEOPLE, AND IN IT WE SEE A NEW POTENCY - AND IN THE TEEMING, TOLING, STARVING AND NAKED POPULATIONS OF INDIA, WE FIND POSSIBILITIES, POTENTIALITIES... WITH THE DECADENCE OF OUR FAITH IN THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND IN THE FOREIGN NATION, HAS GROWN UP THIS HIGHER, THIS DEARER, THIS DEEPER, THIS MORE VITAL AND MORE DIVINE FAITH IN INDIAN HUMANITY."

IT WAS THIS NEW SPIRIT WHICH INSPIRED OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED.

THE SACRIFICES MADE BY PHADKE MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION IN THE HEARTS OF PATRIOTS, PARTICULARLY IN MAHARASHTRA. ON JUNE 12, 1897, AT THE SHIVAJI FESTIVAL BEING CELEBRATED IN PUNE -

MERELY RECITING SHIVAJI'S STORY LIKE A PARROT WILL NOT BRING INDEPENDENCE. YOU MUST TAKE UP THE SWORD AND FIGHT.



THE SPEAKER WAS DAMODAR HARI CHAPEKAR.

THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE IN PUNE. THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER, RAND'S UNHUMAN BEHAVIOUR HAD ANGERED CHAPEKAR.

ALL THOSE SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE ARE TO BE SENT TO THE SEGREGATION CAMP. EXAMINE THEM CAREFULLY. STRIP THESE MEN AND WOMEN.



MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE DRAGGED OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND DRIVEN TO THE SEGREGATION CAMP.

MY COUNTRYMEN ARE INNOCENT AND FRIGHTENED. RAND PUSHES THEM AROUND AS IF THEY WERE A HERD OF CATTLE. HE MUST NOT GO UNPUNISHED.



DAMODAR AND A BAND OF YOUNG MEN INCLUDING HIS TWO BROTHERS PRACTISED TARGET SHOOTING.





THE DAY CHAPEKAR CHOSE TO STRIKE WAS JUNE 22, 1897 ON THIS DAY THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S REIGN WAS TO BE CELEBRATED IN PUNE



RAND DROVE OUT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AFTER THE PARTY



AS THE CARRIAGE APPROACHED THE HIDEOUT OF THE CHAPEKAR BROTHERS, BALKRISHNA CHAPEKAR CALLED OUT



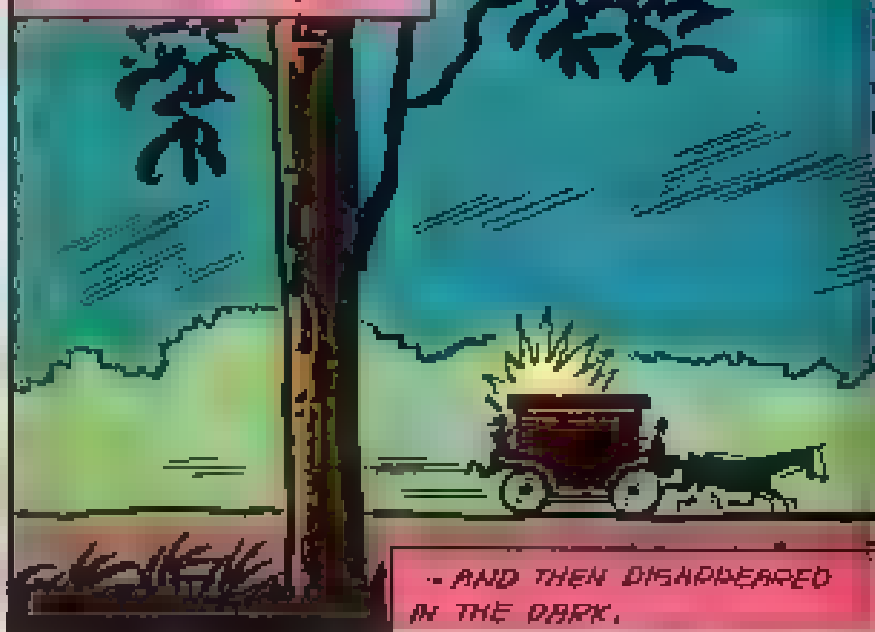
WAMDOOR RAN AFTER THE CARRIAGE.



CLIMBED ONTO THE BACK OF IT AND ..



.. FIRED BY RAND



.. AND THEN DISAPPEARED IN THE DARK.

A FEW MONTHS LATER, DAMODAR AND BALKRISHNA WERE ARRESTED. SUBSEQUENTLY VASUDEO THE THIRD BROTHER AND HIS ASSOCIATE RANADE WERE ALSO TAKEN PRISONERS.



A VASUDEO AND RANADE HAD KILLED THE BRAHMIN BROTHERS WHO HAD HELPED THE POLICE ARREST BALKRISHNA.

HOLDING A COPY OF THE BHAGAVADGITA, DAMODAR CHAPEKAR MOUNTED THE SCAFFOLD ON APRIL 18, 1898



IN MAY 1898, VASUDEO CHAPEKAR WAS LED OUT OF HIS CELL AS HE PASSED BY THE CELL IN WHICH BALKRISHNA WAS HELD



GOODBYE, BROTHER - I AM GOING



GO VASU I'LL FOLLOW YOU.

MAY 8, VASUDEO CHAPEKAR WAS HANGED  
MAY 10, RANADE WAS HANGED  
MAY 12 BALKRISHNA CHAPEKAR WAS HANGED

LATER SISTER NIVEDITA VISITED PUNE TO PAY HER REGARDS TO THE MOTHER OF THE CHAPEKARS. THE OLD LADY WHO HAD GIVEN AWAY THREE SONS TO THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM REMAINED CALM AND UNCOMPLAINING



THE BRITISH WERE ALARMED WHEN THEY SAW EDUCATED YOUTHS REBELLING AGAINST THEIR AUTHORITY.

THE REAL DANGER TO OUR RULE IN INDIA COMES FROM THE EDUCATED INDIANS.



THE POLICY WE WILL ADOPT IS TO DIVIDE AND RULE



ON THE EASTERN SIDE, IN CALCUTTA -

TRANSFER EAST BENGAL TO ASSAM AND FORM A NEW PROVINCE OF EASTERN BENGAL AND ASSAM. MUSLIMS WILL FORM THE MAJORITY IN THE NEW PROVINCE

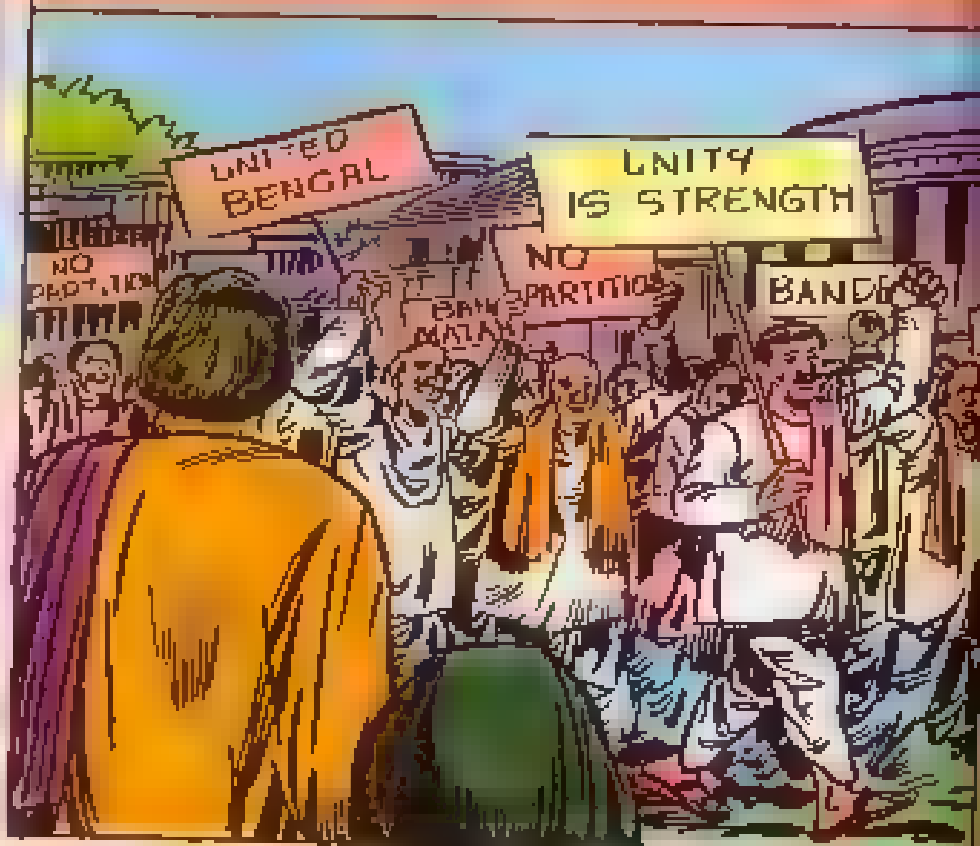
AND IN THE OLD PROVINCE BENGALIS WILL BE OUTNUMBERED BY BIHARIS AND ORISSAS.



BENGAL UNITED IS A POWER. BENGAL DIVIDED WILL FALL IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS.



OUR BENGALI BROTHERS HELD PROTEST MEETINGS THEY SENT A PETITION SIGNED BY OVER 75,000 PEOPLE TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT IN LONDON THEY TOOK OUT PROCESSIONS.



BUT LORD CURZON REMAINED UNMOVED

IF WE SHOW OUR WEAKNESS BY YIELDING TO THEIR CLAMOUR WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO DIVIDE BENGAL



BIPIN CHANDRA PAL, ONE OF THE LEADERS, WAS A BITTER MAN

IF ANYTHING COULD PROVE THE UTTER FUTILITY OF OUR SO-CALLED METHODS OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL AGITATION... THE HISTORY OF THE AGITATION AGAINST THE PROPOSAL TO PARTITION BENGAL HAS DONE IT



HOWEVER, POET RABINDRANATH TAGORE REMAINED COOL

IF A TREE WERE TO PLEAD WITH THE MAN— YOUR BLOOMS WILL KILL ME— WOULD IT BE SPARED?

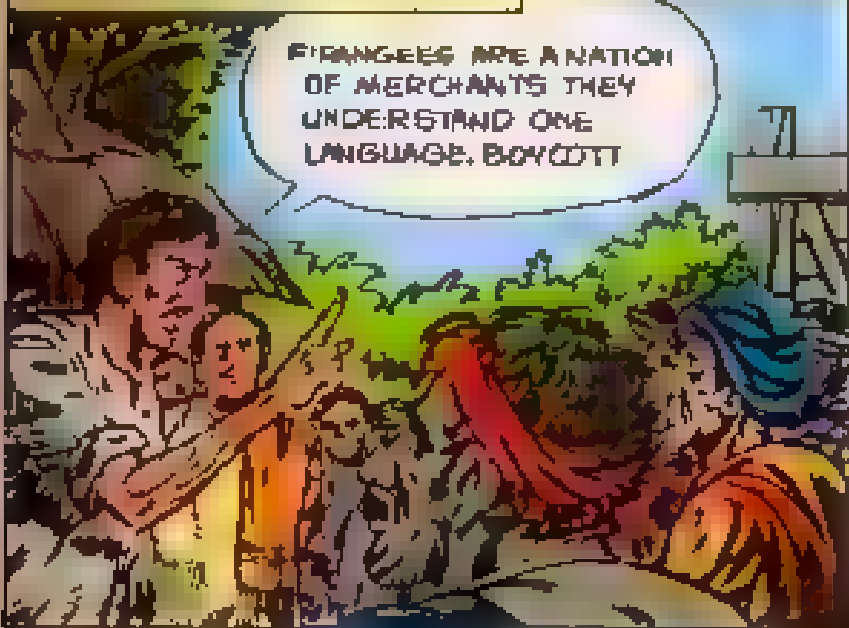
TURN AWAY FROM OLD STYLE POLITICS, TRYING IN VAIN TO PLACATE THE FOREIGN RULER AND TALKING BIG IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. GO TO THE VILLAGES



TILL THEN THE USUAL PRACTICE WAS TO HOLD MEETINGS IN CALCUTTA AND OTHER TOWNS. SUBMIT PETITIONS IN ENGLISH AND DELIVER TALKS IN ENGLISH

YOUNG TEENERS BEGAN TO MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION IN VILLAGES AND SMALL TOWNS.

STRANGERS ARE A NATION OF MERCHANTS THEY UNDERSTAND ONE LANGUAGE. BOYCOTT

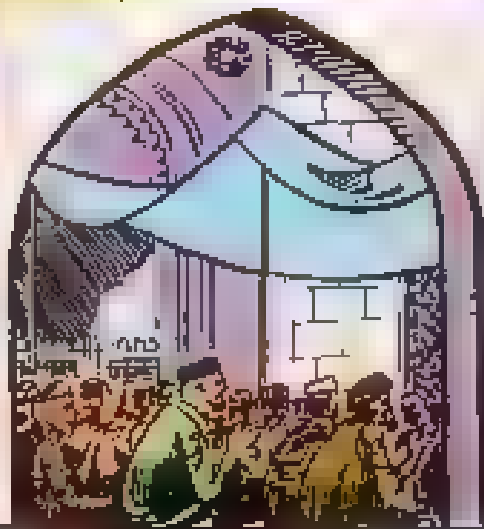


BOYCOTT MANCHESTER CLOTH PRACTISE SWADESHI. WE WILL UNITE DIVIDED BENGAL.





PRAYERS AGAINST PARTITION WERE HELD IN MOSQUES IN MYMENSINGH, BARKAL AND SERAMPORE



... AND AT KALIGHAT TEMPLE, CALCUTTA -

MOTHER, STANDING BEFORE YOUR HOLY PRESENCE I TAKE A VOW TO BOYCOTT FOREIGN GOODS AND ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SWADESHI!



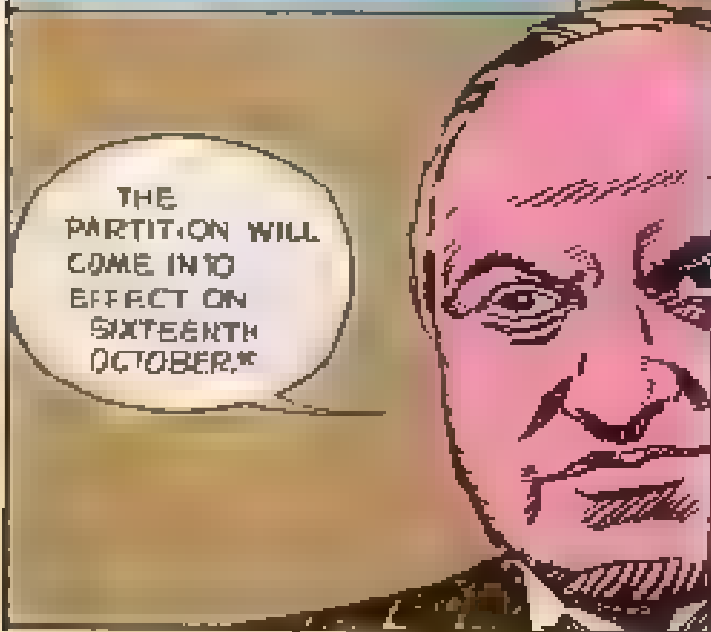
HINDU AND MUSLIM STUDENTS OF CALCUTTA MARCHED HAND IN HAND AND HELD A 10,000-STRONG RALLY WHERE THEIR LEADER, ABDUL HASUL DECLARED



WE, BOTH HINDUS AND MUSLIMS, BELONG TO THE SAME MOTHER - BENGAL

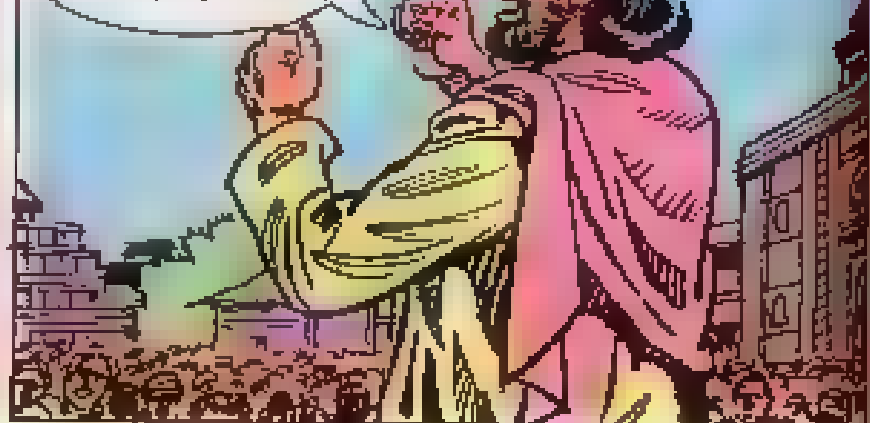
BUT CURZON HAD OTHER IDEAS

THE PARTITION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON SIXTEENTH OCTOBER.\*

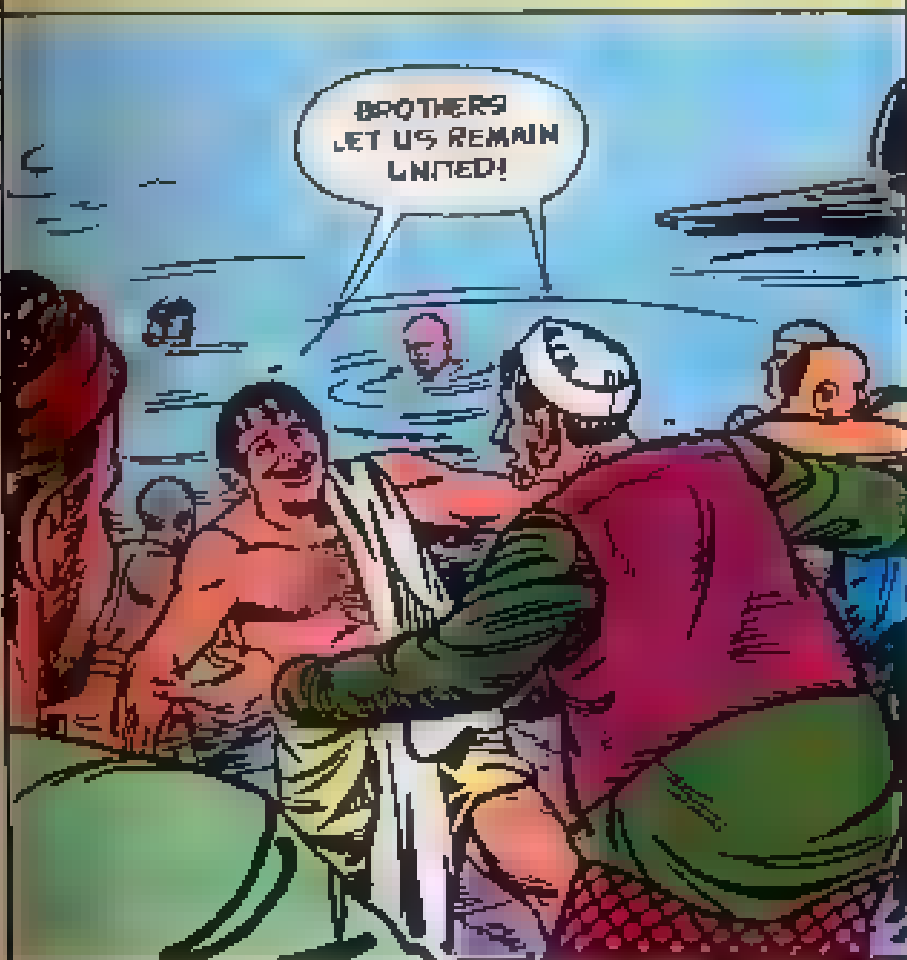


AND POET RABINDRANATH SPOKE FOR ALL BENGAL -

WE WILL OBSERVE SIXTEENTH OCTOBER NOT AS PARTITION DAY BUT AS UNITY DAY



15TH OCTOBER, 1905. MEN AND WOMEN, RICH AND POOR, HINDUS AND MUSLIMS WALKED BAREFOOT TO THE BANKS OF THE GANGA AND EXCHANGED RAKHIS.



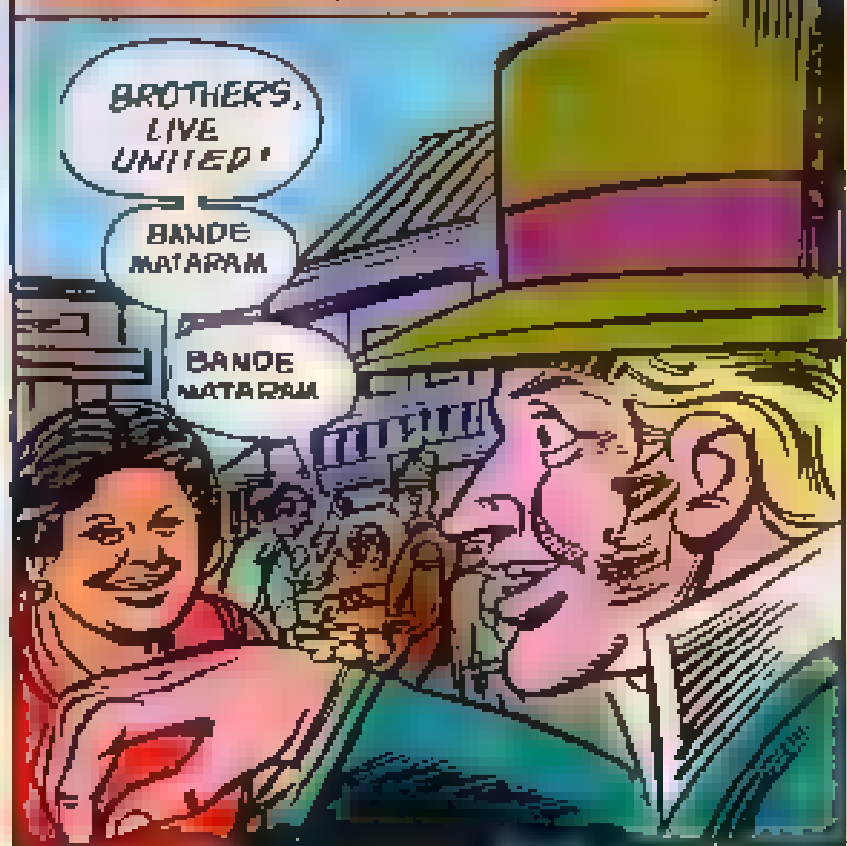
RABINDRANATH TAGORE DASHED INTO THE NAKHODA MABJID

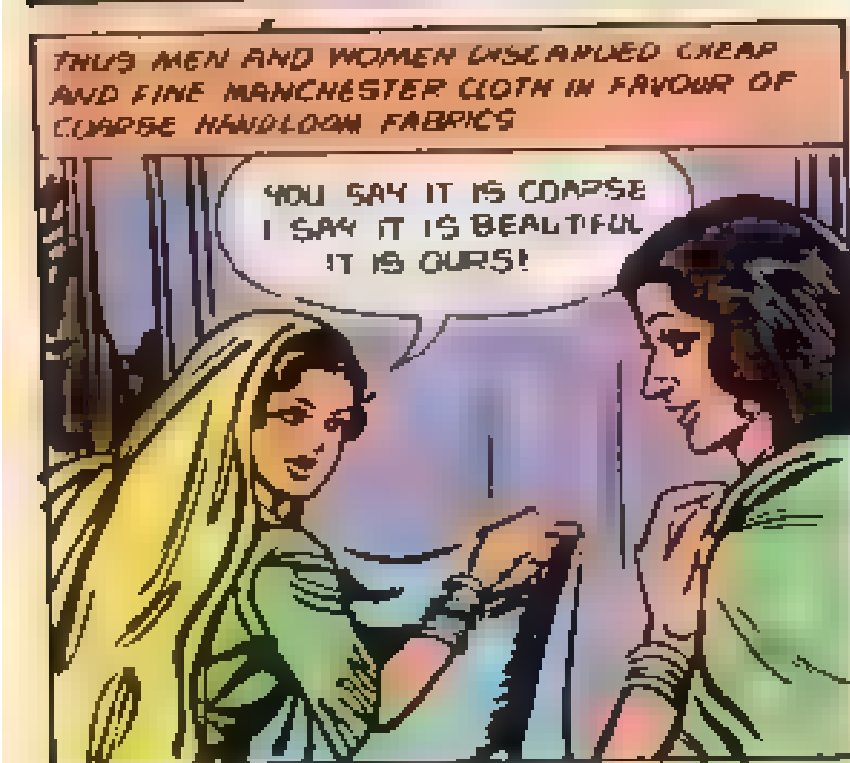
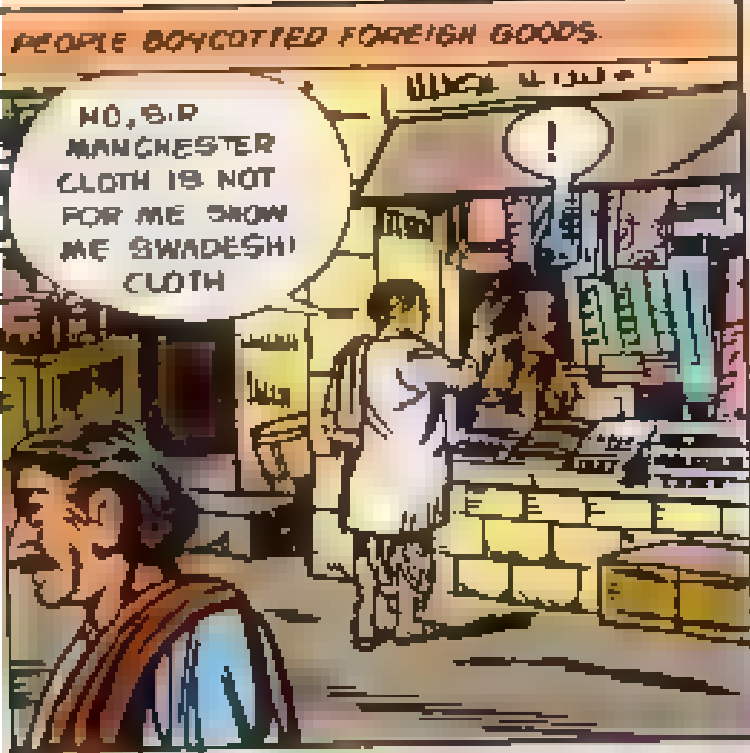


EMBRACED THE MULLAS AND TIED RAKHIS TO THEIR WRISTS



RAKHIS WERE TIED TO THE POLICEMEN AND EVEN TO THE EUROPEANS





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Things you need: Kores Glue Stick,  
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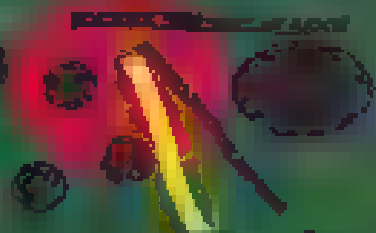
**Step 1**

Put one lid on a square  
of coloured paper and  
cut the paper carefully  
around the outside to  
make a circle.



**Step 2**

Cut out different  
sizes of circles  
and strips.



**Step 3**

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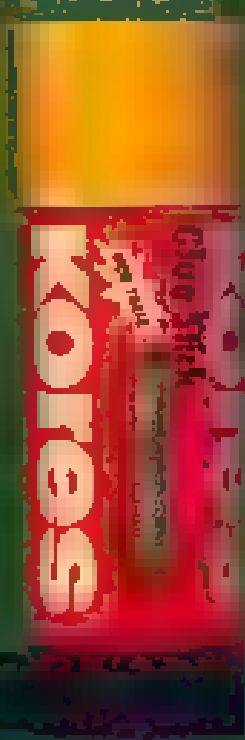
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to fix those strips and  
dots on the bug.



**Step 5**

Place this under  
your sister's pillow  
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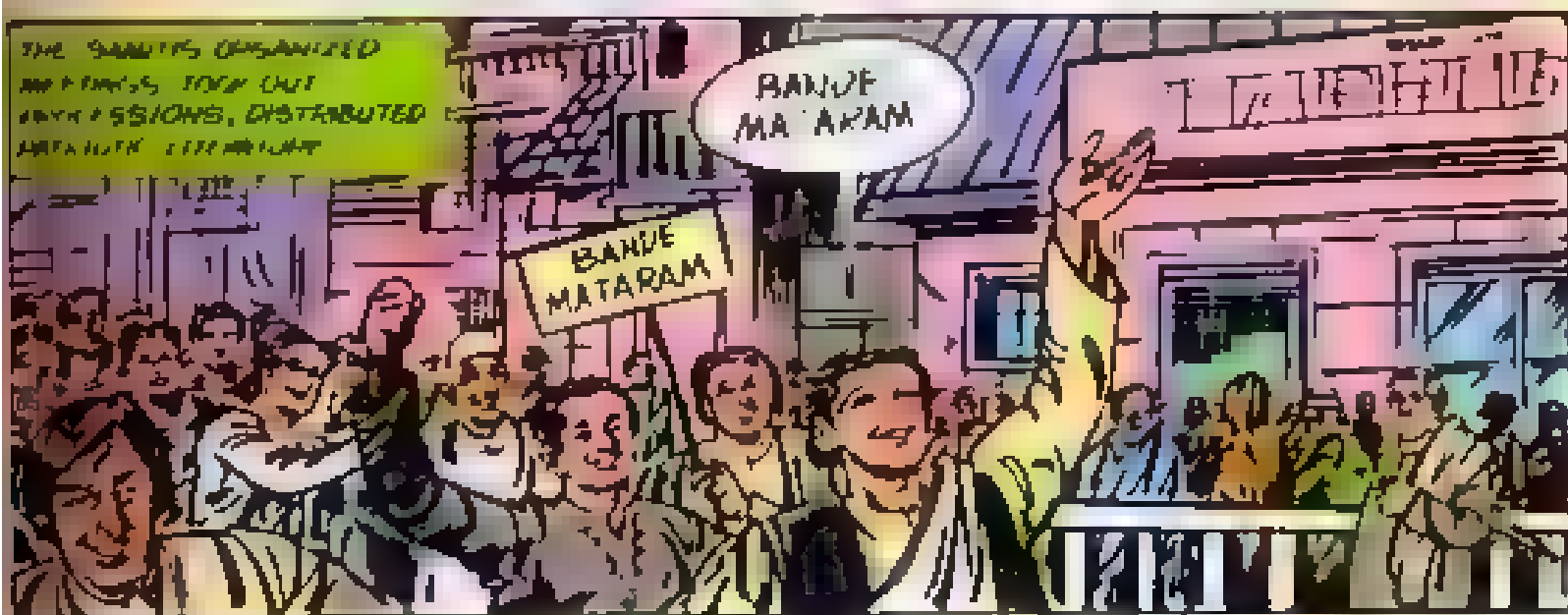
A CHAIN OF SWADESHI STORES CAME INTO EXISTENCE ALL OVER BENGALE. HOWEVER SOME UNCONSCIOUS TRADERS DID NOT RESOLVE TO HIRE THE PRICE OF SWADESHI GOODS THAT WERE SCARCE



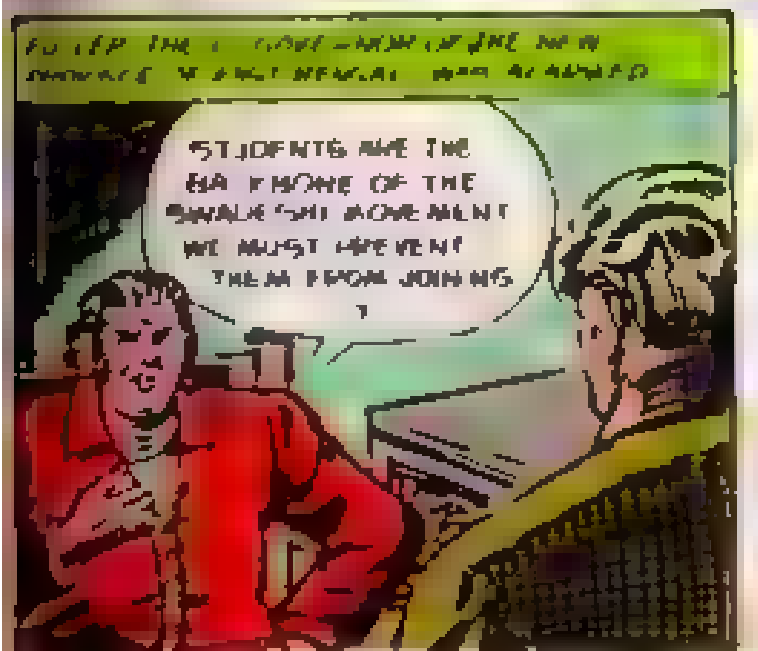
TO PUT A STOP TO SUCH PRACTICES SEVERAL GANDHIS WERE FORMED. WHICH AND THEY WERE BONA FIDE WORKS, AT FIRST STAGE



THE GANDHIS ORGANIZED MEETINGS, TOOK OUT MARCHES, DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS, LITERATURE



TO STOP THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NEW PROVINCE A BONA FIDE BONA FIDE



THE HEADMASTERS OF SCHOOLS INTERFERED WITH THEM FROM THE GOVERNMENT ASKING THEM TO TAKE STRICT ACTION AGAINST OFFENDING STUDENTS



KALIPRASAD DASGUPTA THE HEADMASTER OF MADANPUR SCHOOL, CALLED A MEETING OF HIS STUDENTS

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BANNED THE RAISING OF THE SLOAN -  
BANDE MATARAM.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED I HAVE ONLY TWO WORDS TO SAY

BANDE MATARAM

STUDENTS CHEERED THEIR HEADMASTER AND RESPONDED IN SIMILAR WORDS.

BANDE MATARAM

IT IS NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT DASGUPTA LOST HIS JOB

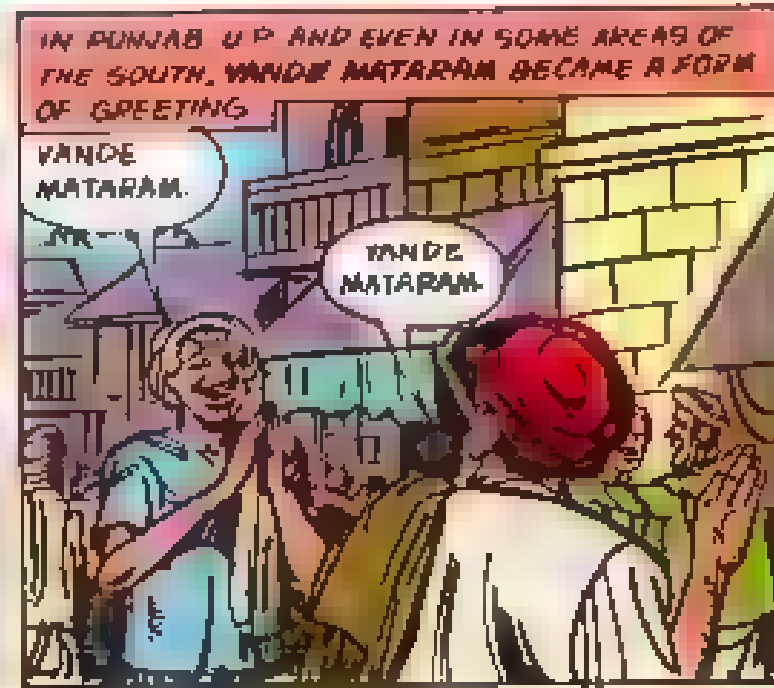
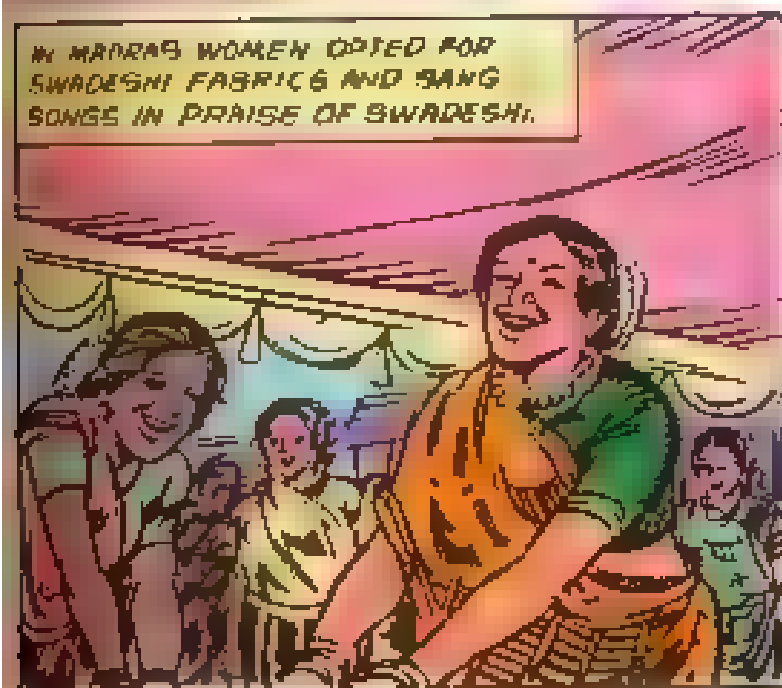
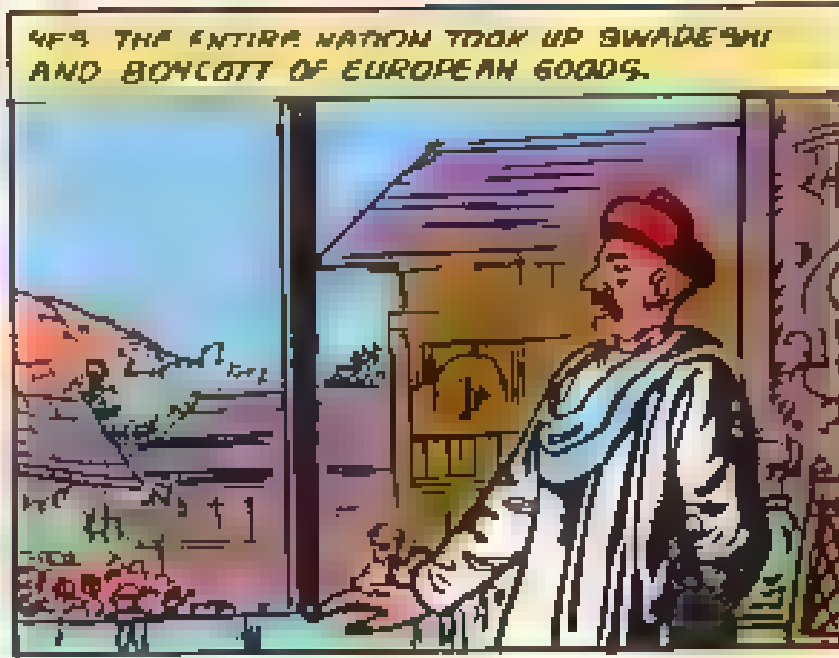
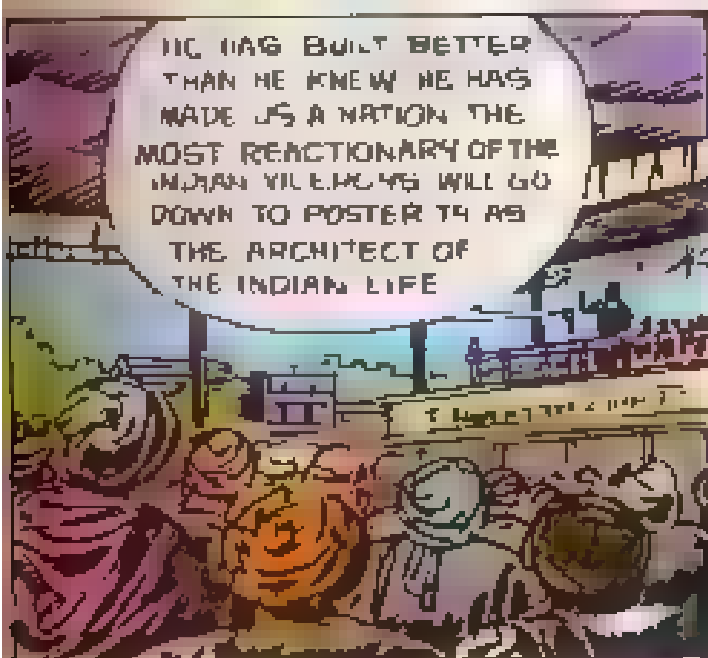
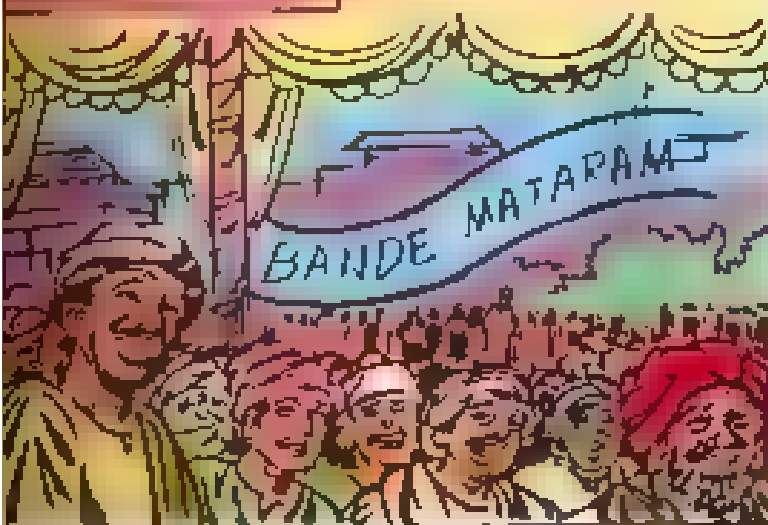
AT RANGPUR 263 BOYS WHO DEFIED THE GOVERNMENT ORDER AND ATTENDED SWADESHI MEETINGS WERE THROWN OUT OF THE SCHOOL

WE ARE HAPPY WE DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

WE WANT SWADESHI SCHOOLS WHERE PATRIOTISM IS NOT CONSIDERED A CRIME.

RANGPUR HAD THE DISTINCTION OF SETTING UP THE FIRST NATIONAL SCHOOL

THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS MET AT VARANASI IN 1905. SUPREMANATH BANERJEE RECEIVED A STANDING Ovation.



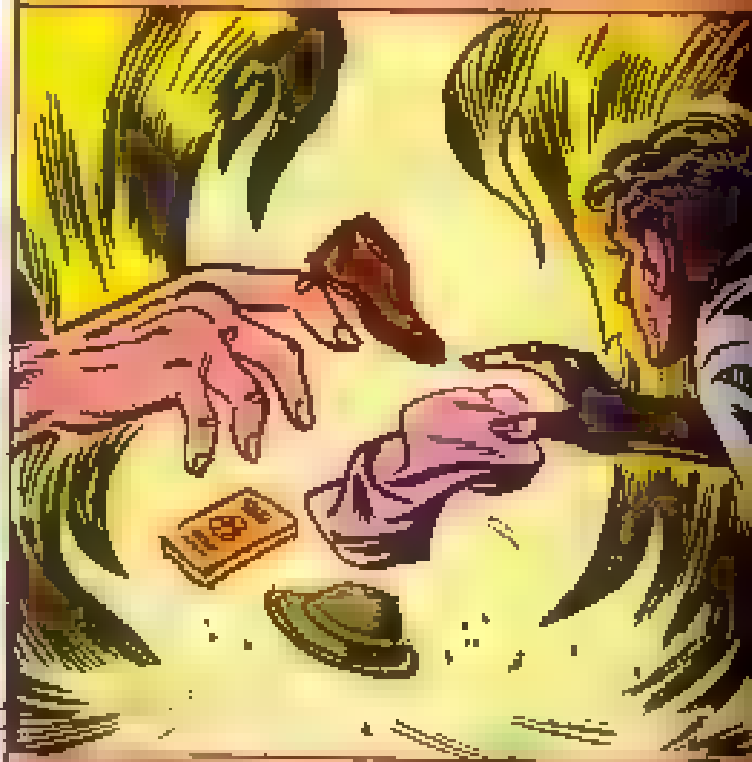


WHEN LORD CURZON WAS SUCCEEDED BY LORD MINTO, OUR BENGALI BRETHREN HOPED THAT THE NEW VICEROY WOULD TAKE NOTE OF POPULAR DISCONTENT AND ANNOUNCE ANNULMENT OF PARTITION. HOWEVER WHEN A DELEGATION CALLED ON HIM —

I AM EXTREMELY SORRY, GENTLEMEN PARTITION IS A SETTLED FACT WE CANNOT REOPEN THE QUESTION



LORD MINTO'S REPLY MADE PEOPLE EVEN MORE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY. A HUGE FIRE WAS LIT IN A COLLEGE SQUARE IN CALCUTTA



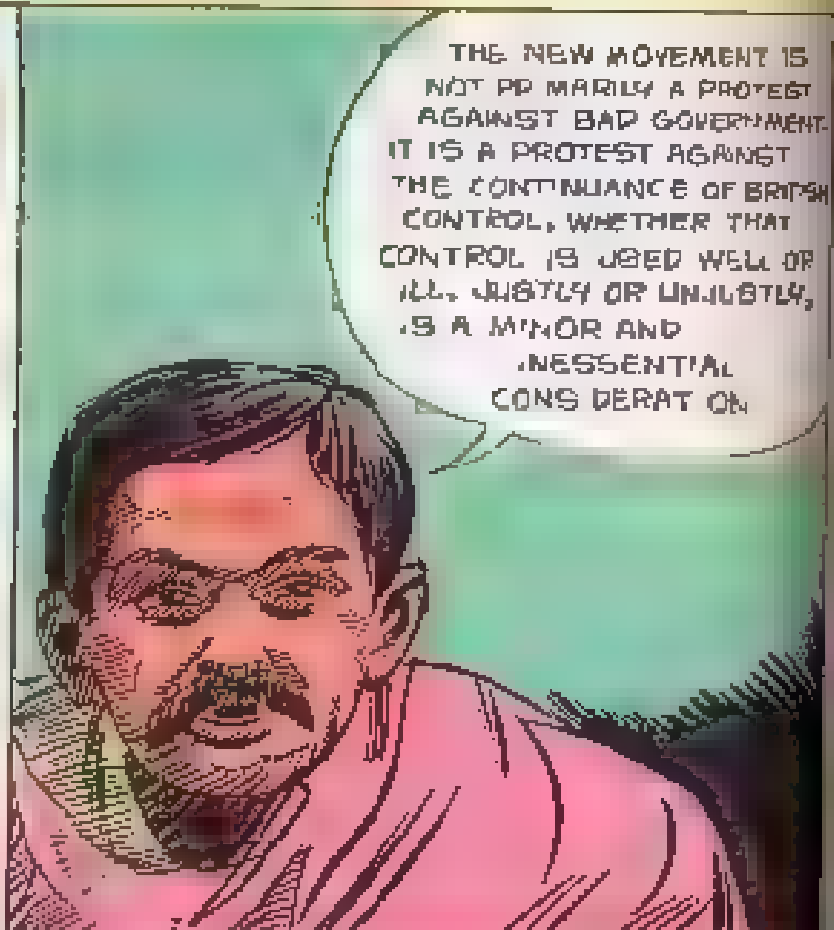
THE ONLOOKERS THREW DOWN INTO THE FIRE CHUDDARS, SALWARS, SHOES, CIGARETTES—ANYTHING MANUFACTURED BY THE BRITISH.

PEOPLE INTENSIFIED THE AGITATION. THE GOAL NOW WAS FREEDOM FROM THE BRITISH RULE AS POINTED OUT BY BIPIN CHANDRA PAL AND ANURAGBHAYO

OUR IDEAL IS FREEDOM WHICH MEANS ABSENCE OF FOREIGN CONTROL



THE NEW MOVEMENT IS NOT PRIMARILY A PROTEST AGAINST BAD GOVERNMENT. IT IS A PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUANCE OF BRITISH CONTROL, WHETHER THAT CONTROL IS USED WELL OR ILL. JUSTLY OR UNJUSTLY, IS A MINOR AND INESSENTIAL CONSIDERATION



A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKING EMPLOYED IN THE PORTS, STUCK TO THEIR WORK IN VIGILANCE OF THE EASTERN BENGAL RAILWAY. THEY ARISE ON THE GURAN AND WANTED TO JOIN THE SWADESHI MOVEMENT.



THE TWO OTS MOVEMENTS WERE INTENSIFIED BY THE NEW HINDI MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF SWADESHI.



HINDI I  
BUY YOU, DON'T  
BUY VILAYATI  
GOODS

IN CASE THEY SAW SOMEONE COMING OUT OF THE SHOP.

SISTER HAVE  
YOU BOUGHT  
VILAYATI  
GOODS...

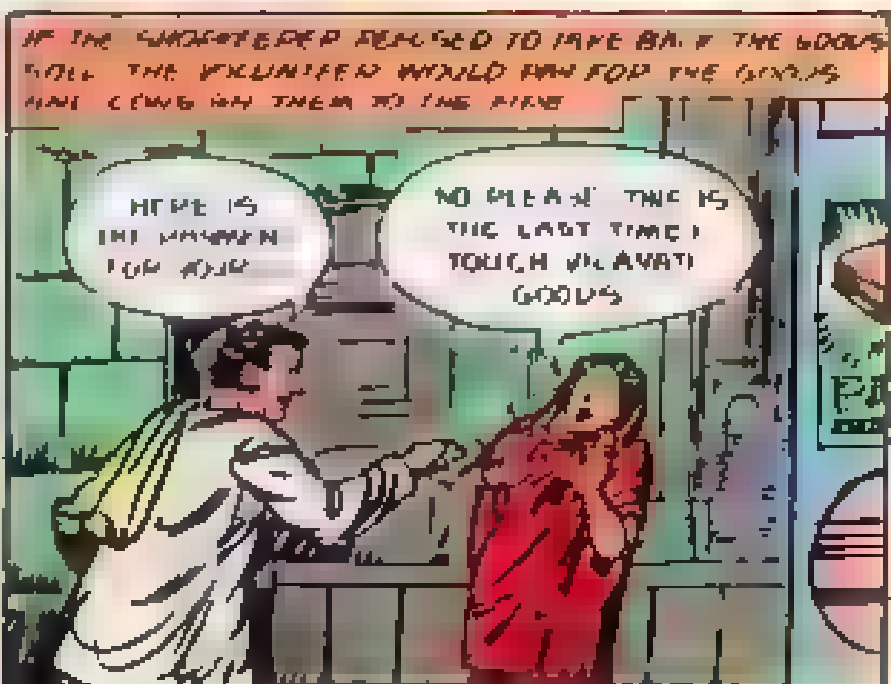


WELL



IS IT A  
TIGHT  
SWADESHI

WE WILL APPRAISE  
IT FOR YOU PLEASE  
IN THE TIME  
GIVEN



IF THE SWADESHI DECIDED TO HAVE BUY THE GOODS  
WELL THE VILAYATI WOULD PAY FOR THE GOODS  
AND COME WITH THEM TO THE FINE

HERE IS  
THE SWADESHI  
FOR YOU

NO PLEASE THIS IS  
THE LAST TIME I  
TOUCH VILAYATI  
GOODS

SOME YOUNG MEN WOULD GET INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH THOSE WHO WISHED TO BUY FOREIGN GOODS

YOUR MONEY MUST GO TO OUR POOR WEAVERS, NOT TO THE MANCHESTER BARONS

PLEASE STAND ASIDE AND LET ME PASS



IF YOU STILL INSIST ON BUYING VILAYATI GOODS...



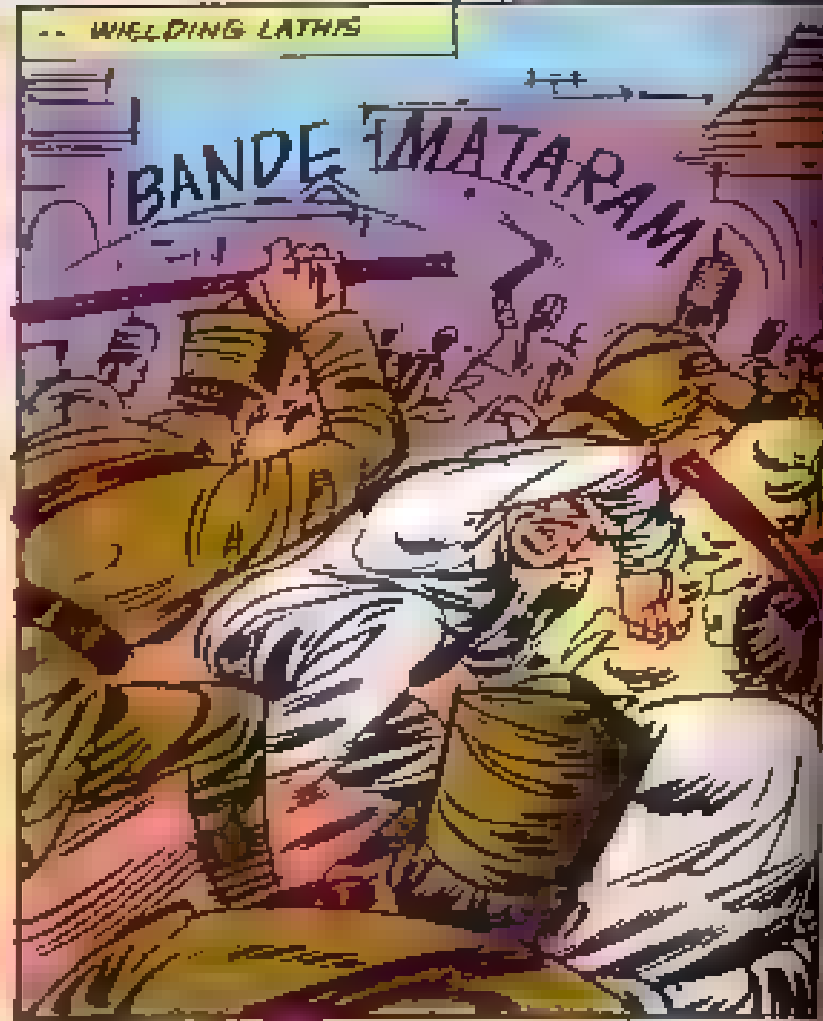
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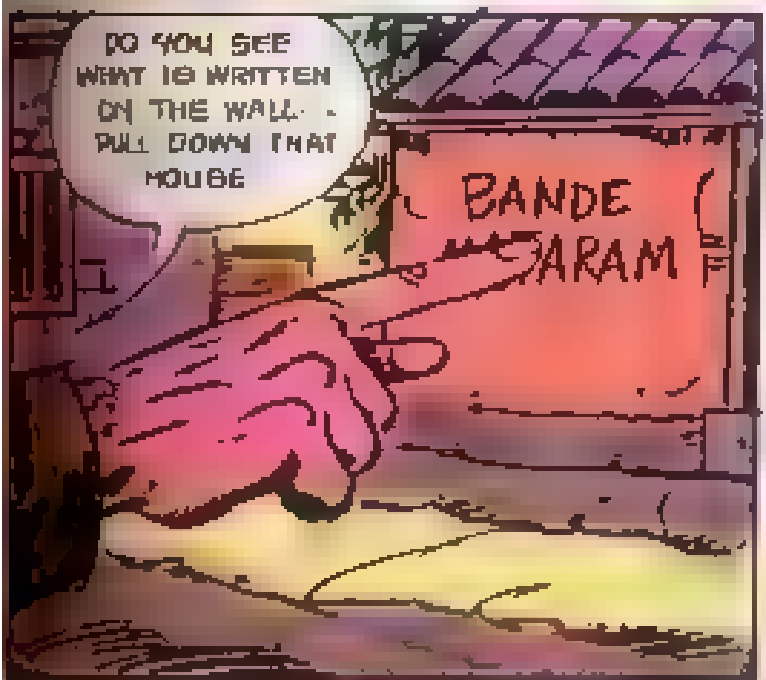
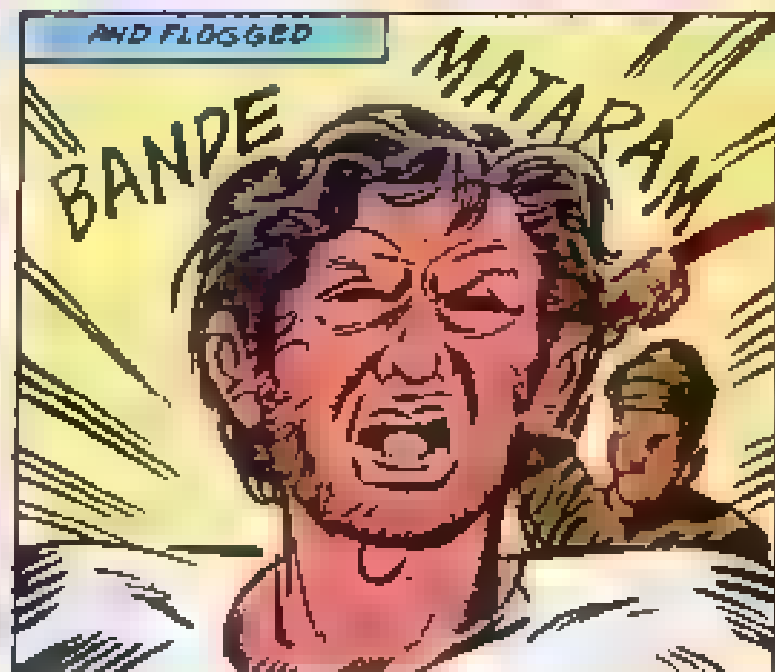
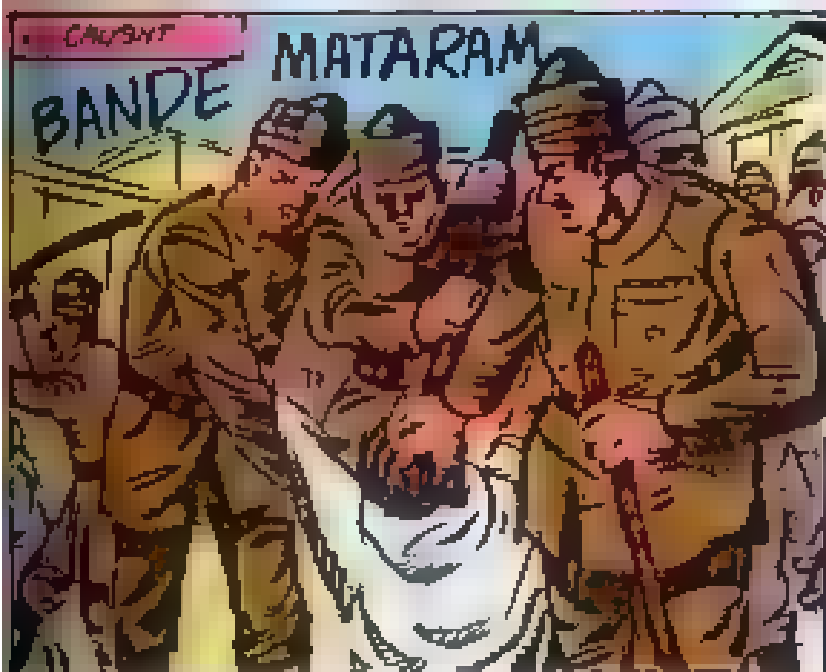
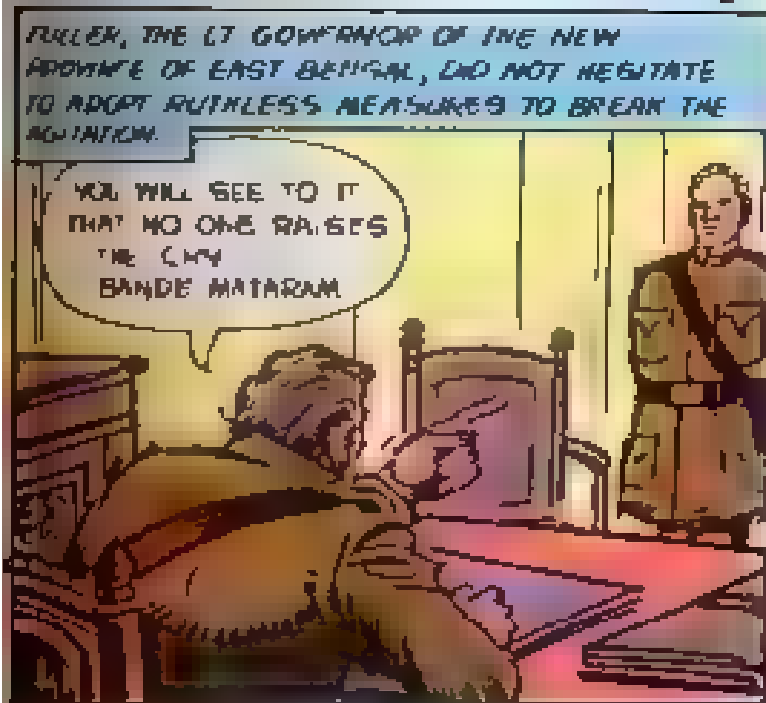


THAT WAS THE SIGNAL FOR THE POLICE TO COME PUSHING

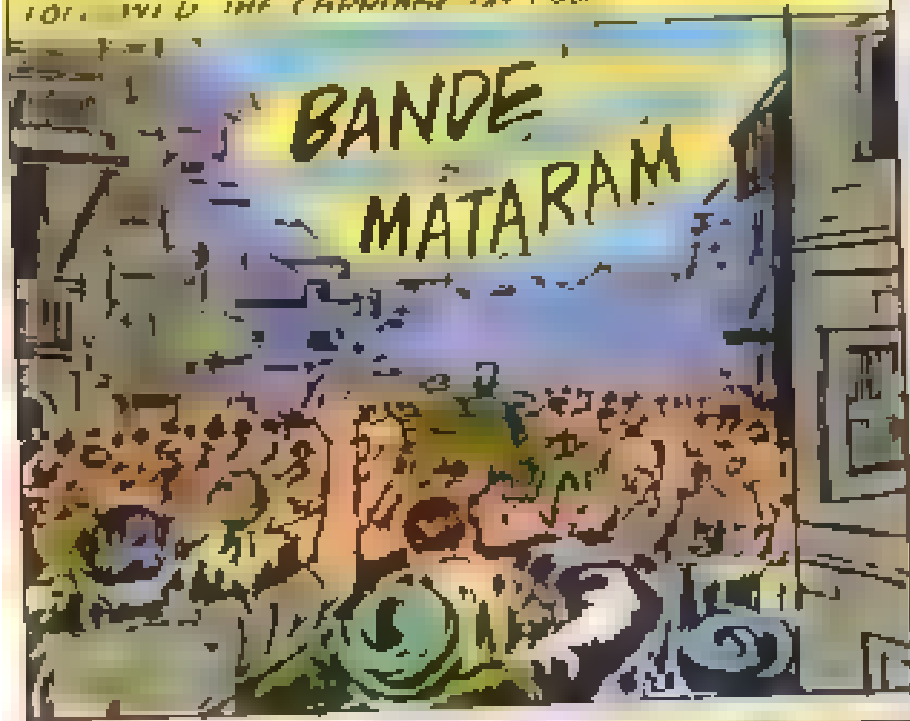


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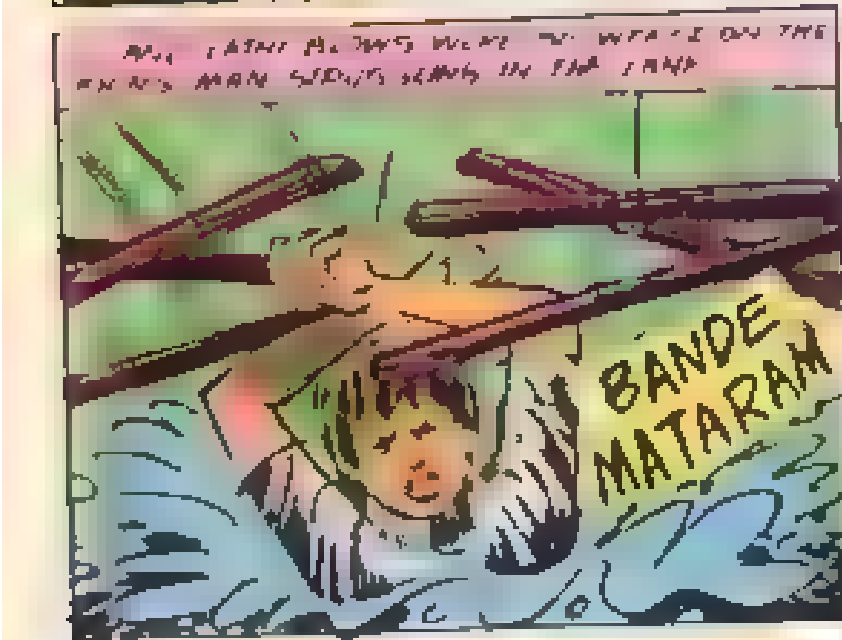




IN THE 1930S THE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE DOG  
 OUT A LETTER FROM HANDESTER ABOUT RASUL WAS TO  
 BE THE INCIDENT HE WAS, IN A CHARIOT WITH HIS  
 ENEMY WIFE SUNDARATH AND OTHERS  
 TO THE THE CHARIOT ON 100



THE POLICE ALLOWED THE LEADERS TO PASS  
 UNMOLESTED. HOWEVER THEY ARRESTED  
 WITHIN NO THE YOUNGER DELEGATES PASSED  
 BY.



HEADING HE COMOTION AT THE BACK  
 SURE YERANATH HANDEL BACK.

WHY AM I  
 THREATENING THE MIA  
 RE SHAKS B E FOR  
 THE IN HE HAYAD  
 ALL STYL, IF YOU

IF I AM  
 MY FRIEND, I CAN



SURENDRANATH WAS TAKEN PRISONER AND LATER SET FREE. ON HIS WAY BACK TO CALCUTTA HE RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT EVERY PLACE. WHEN HE REACHED CALCUTTA IT WAS JUST BEFORE DAY-BREAK. OVER TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE GREETED HIM.

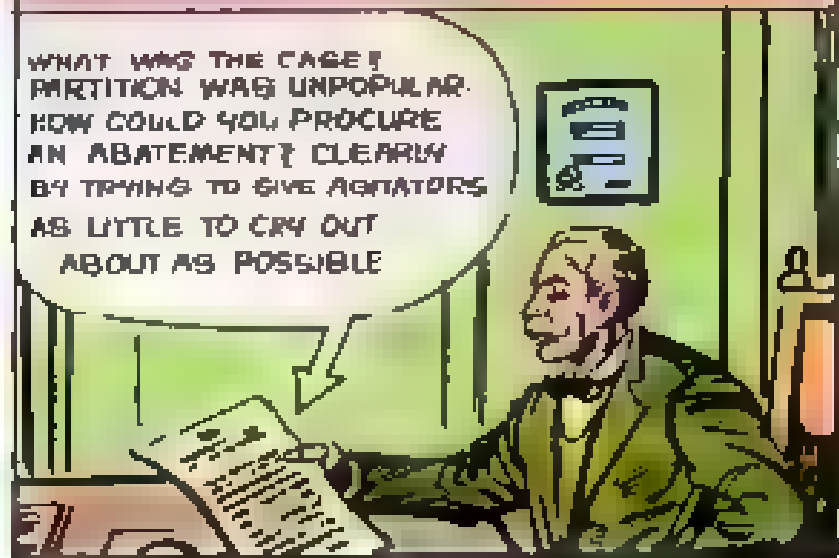


THE FIREFED YOUNGSTERS UNMORSED THE JAMRINE AND DREW IT TO COLLEGE SQUARE WHERE HE ADDRESSED A MEETING.



THE BADSHAH INCIDENT ELECTRIFIED THE NATION AND LORD MINTO RECEIVED A STRONG NOTE FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN ENGLAND.

WHAT WAS THE CASE? PARTITION WAS UNPOPULAR. HOW COULD YOU PROCURE AN ABATEMENT? CLEARLY BY TRYING TO GIVE AGITATORS AS LITTLE TO CRY OUT ABOUT AS POSSIBLE.

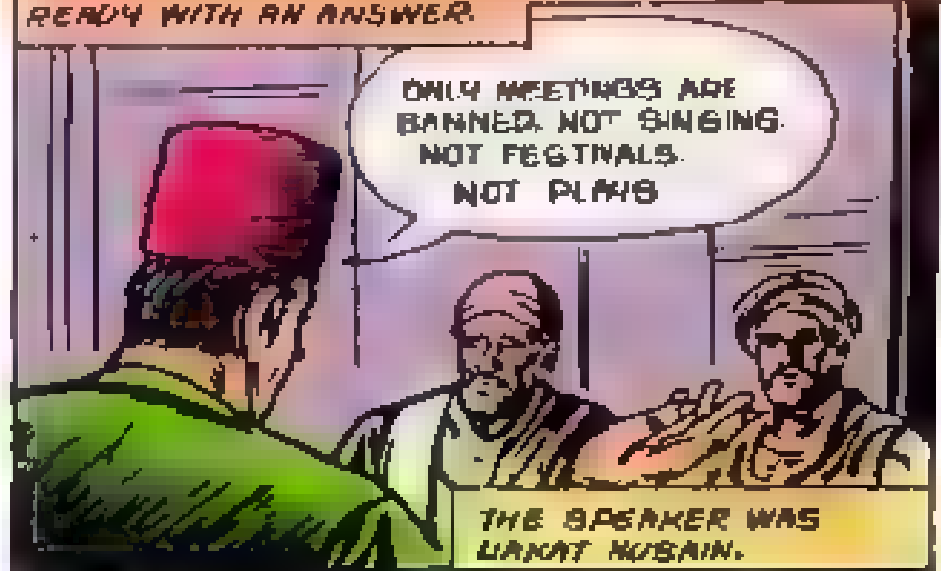


FULER IS A FOOL

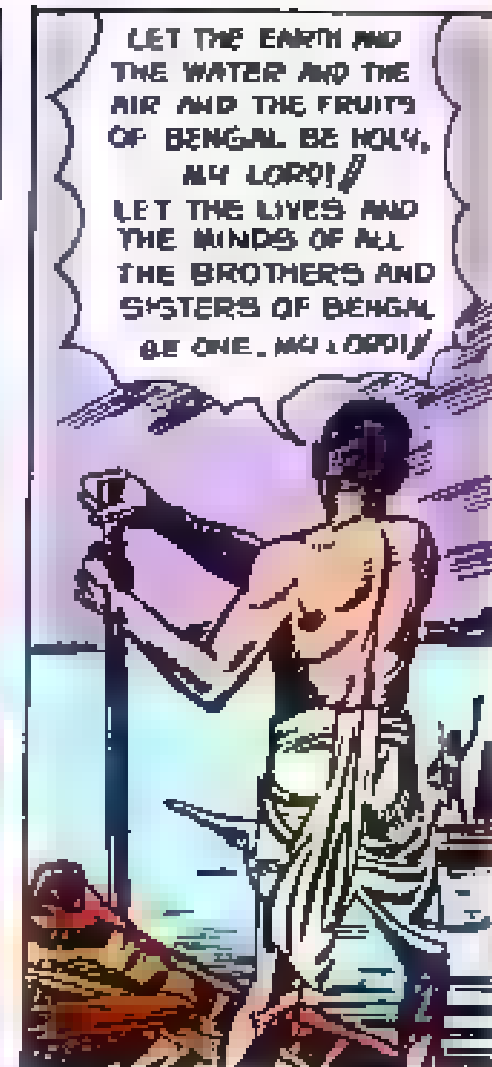
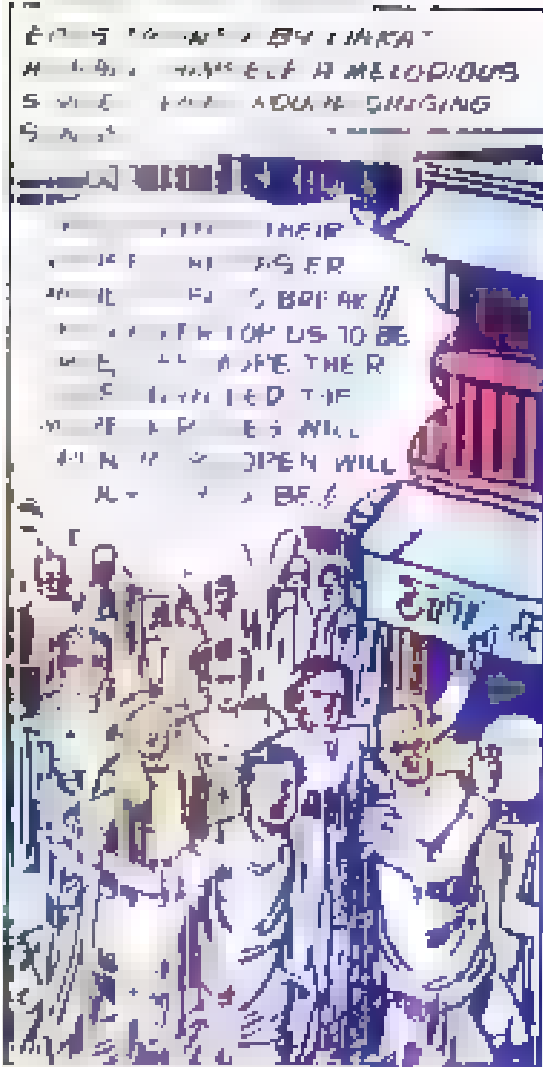


HOWEVER, THE SITUATION HAD GONE OUT OF CONTROL. LORD MINTO ISSUED AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO HOLD MEETINGS. BUT THE AGITATORS WERE READY WITH AN ANSWER.

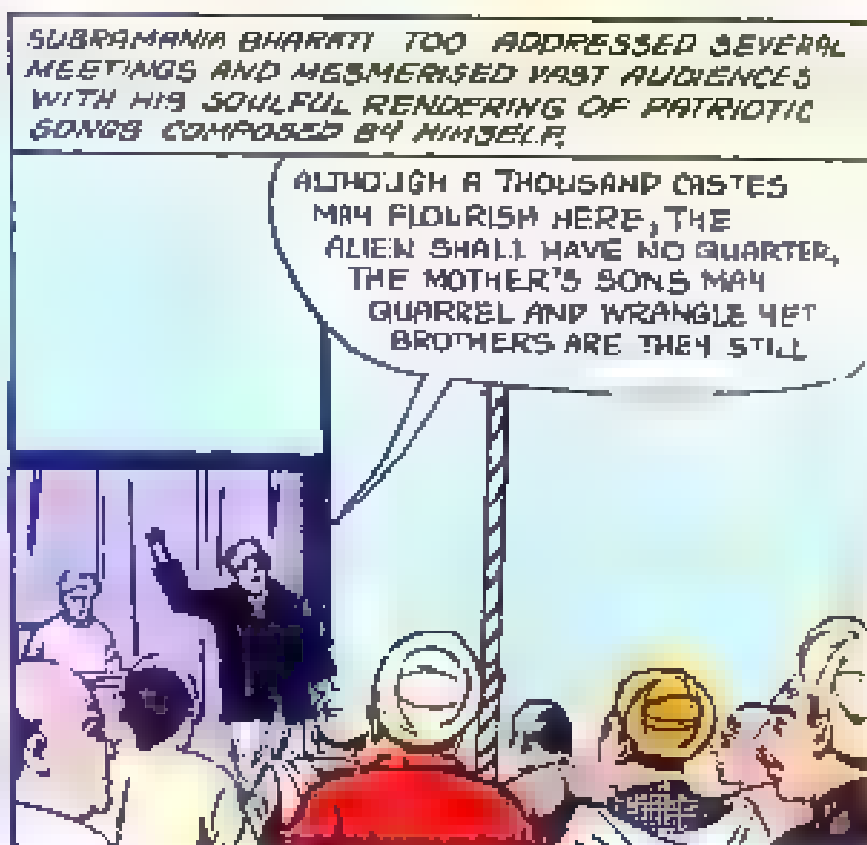
ONLY MEETINGS ARE BANNED. NOT SINGING. NOT FESTIVALS. NOT PLAYS.



THE SPEAKER WAS LIAQAT HUSAIN.



... HIS MOVEMENT SOON SPREAD TO MOST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. BIPIN CHANDRA PAL, A FORTHRIGHT SPEAKER IN MADRAS. THE CITY WITNESSED MANY BONFIRES OF  
... 1905



AROUND THIS TIME PEASANTS WORKING FOR ZAMINDARS WERE A WRETCHED LOT ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE EXORBITANT RENTS THEY WERE FORCED TO PAY. SEVERAL PAMPHLETS CAME TO BE CIRCULATED AMONG THEM.

NOW THESE FRANGEES, SONS OF DEVILS, DIVIDE THIS GOLDEN BENGAL... WE HINDUS AND MOHAMMEDANS JOINTLY WORSHIP THE FEET OF THE MOTHER. ...WE MUST NOT PAY ENHANCED RATES.



THE DISCONTENT AMONG THE PEASANTS - A MAJORITY OF THEM HAPPENED TO BE MUSLIMS - IN THE NEW PROVINCE MADE IT GOVERNOR HARE, FULLER'S SUCCESSOR, HAPPY HE WROTE TO LORD MINTO

I BELIEVE THE MOHAMMEDANS WILL UNITE TO A MAN AND WILL ABSOLUTELY BOYCOTT HINDUS, IF SO ORDERED BY THEIR LEADERS.



HARE MET SEVERAL MUSLIM ZAMINDARS AND MULLAS

AS CURZON SAID THIS NEW PROVINCE IS CREATED SPECIALLY TO SAFEGUARD YOUR INTERESTS. YOU MUST SPEAK UP IN FAVOUR OF PARTITION



THE COMMON PEASANTS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE POLITICS OF PARTITION

ALL NEW SCHEMES BENEFIT ONLY ONE PERSON - THE ZAMINDAR, BE HE A HINDU OR A MUSLIM.

I AGREE BUT MUST WE PAY ENHANCED RATES? CAN WE AFFORD IT?



HAFIZ WROTE

THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO FIGHT THEIR HINDU LANDLORDS IF SO DIRECTED.



THE ANGER AGAINST ZAMINDARS WAS ALREADY THERE. IT NEEDED ONLY A SPARK TO EXPLODE AND EXPLODE IT DID. MUSLIM SERVANTS DEFIED THEIR MASTERS.



AND RIOTS BROKE OUT IN COMILLA, MYMENSINGH AND A COUPLE OF OTHER PLACES.

HOUSES OF ZAMINDARS AND MONEY-LENDERS WERE BOMBARDED, GRAIN LOOTED AND PROMISSORY NOTES SET ON FIRE.



IN SEVERAL PLACES PEASANTS HAPPENED TO BE MUSLIMS AND THE LANDLORDS HINDUS. HOWEVER, HINDU PEASANTS ALSO JOINED IN THE PLUNDER AND MUSLIM PEASANTS DID NOT HESITATE IN LOOTING MUSLIM LANDLORDS.

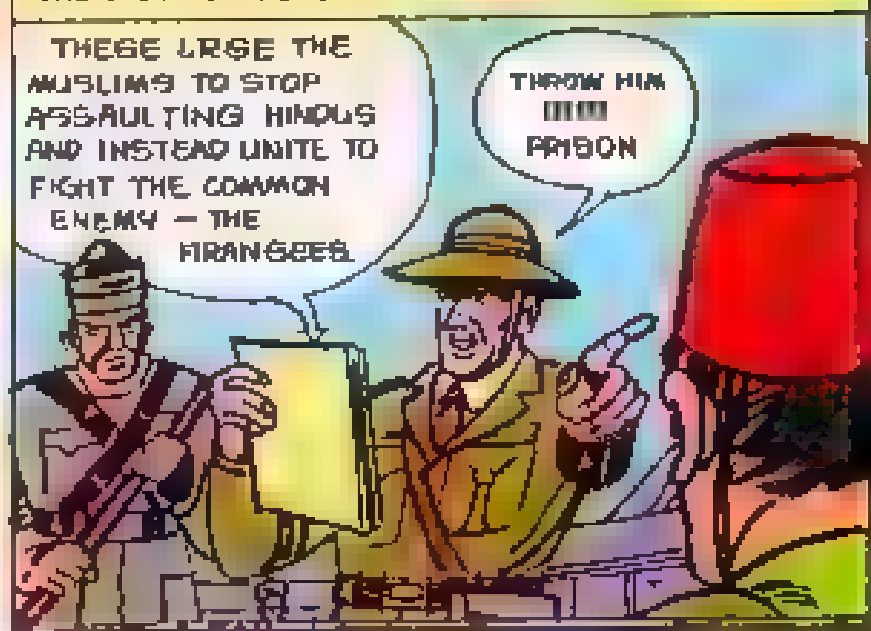


IT WAS A CASE OF PLUNDER OF THE RICH BY THE POOR.

ON HEARING THE NEWS OF THE RIOTS, LIAQAT MUSHAHI RUSHED TO HYDERABAD



THE POLICE FOUND URDU PAMPHLETS.



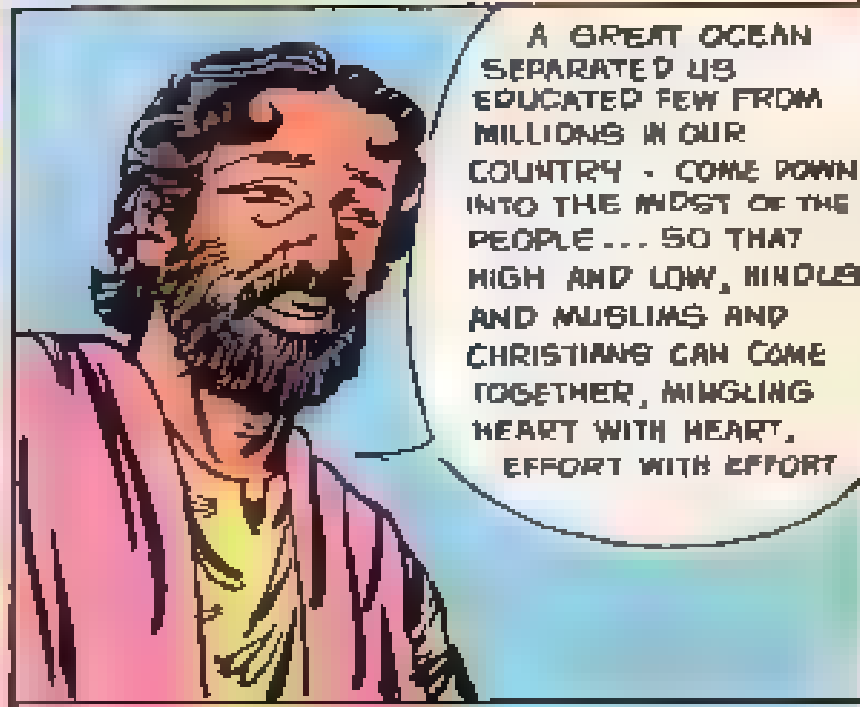
THE BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE HAPPY



SEVERAL NATIONAL LEADERS BLAMED THE GOVERNMENT FOR INCITING THE MUSLIMS



JAGORE DECLARED -





MEANWHILE A FEW YOUNG MEN WERE GETTING IMPATIENT THEY FORMED REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AND DECIDED TO STRIKE ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR THE BRITISH POWER



SUSHIL KUMAR, A 15-YEAR-OLD LAD WHO COULD NOT TOLERATE A BRITISH OFFICIAL WIELDING A LATHI ON AN UNARMED CROWD.



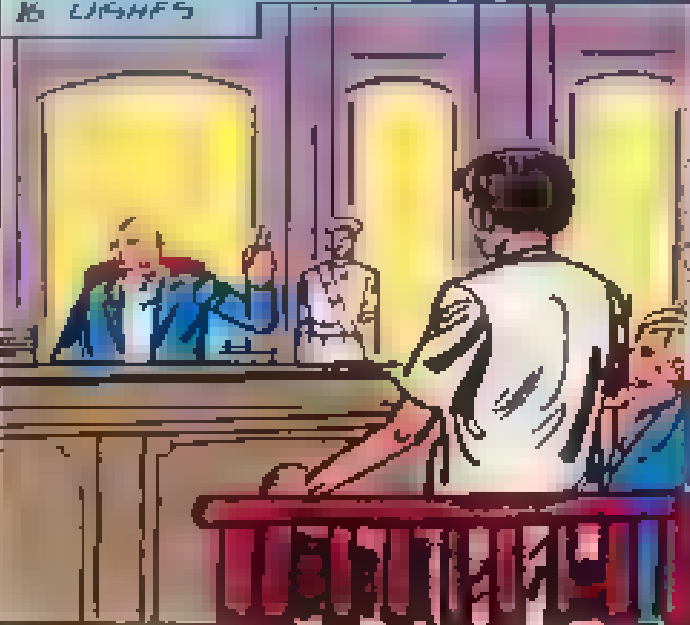
WRESTED THE LATHI FROM THE HANDS OF THE SURPRISED OFFICIAL



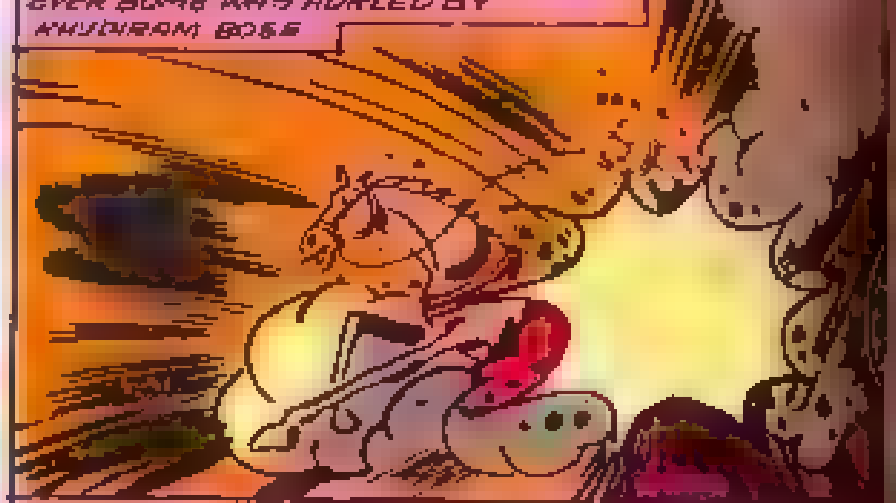
AND USED IT ON THE BRITISH OFFICIAL HIMSELF



SUSHIL WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY \* MAGISTRATE KINGSFORD AWARDED HIM 16 LATHES

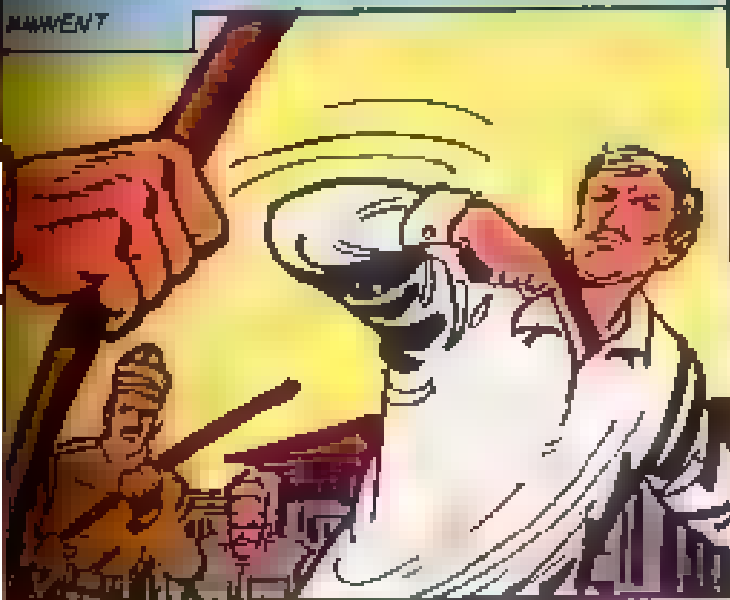


AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON THE LIFE OF KINGSFORD, WHEN THE FIRST EVER BOMB WAS HURLED BY ANJUDRAM BOSE



BUT KINGSFORD BEING IN ANOTHER CARRIAGE ESCAPED UNHURT TWO BRITISH LADIES FELL VICTIM TO THE FIRST BOMB ATTACK

MAFULA (NANI), A MEMBER OF THE BOMB SQUAD  
KILLED HIMSELF, WHEN HIS ARREST SEEMED  
IMMINENT



AND KHUDIRAM BOSE, THE OTHER REVOLUTIONARY,  
STOOD TRIAL.

I AM SORRY TWO  
INNOCENT LADIES  
WERE KILLED. MY ONLY  
REGRET IS THAT  
KINGSFORD IS STILL  
ALIVE.



BOSE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH

I HAVE READ  
THE GITA. I DO  
NOT FEAR  
DEATH.



KHUDIRAM'S MARTYRDOM WAS LIKE THE  
EXPLOSION OF A BOMB. IT AWAKENED HIS  
COUNTRYMEN FROM THEIR SLUMBER.

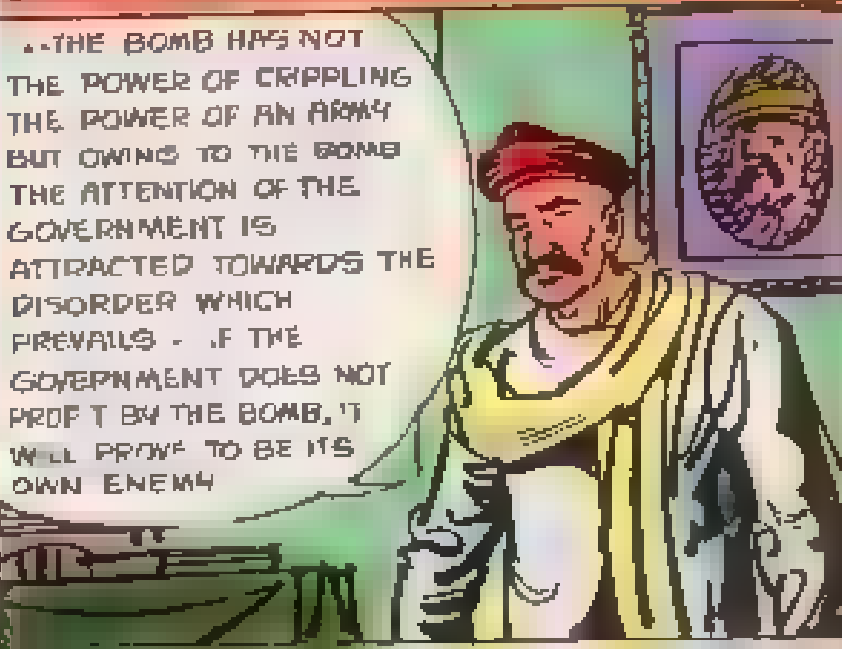


HE MOUNTED THE SCAFFOLD WITH HIS HEAD  
HIGH. HE WAS CALM AND SMILING  
IN THE FACE OF DEATH.



BAL GANGADHAR TILAK DECLARED

..THE BOMB HAS NOT  
THE POWER OF CRIPPLING  
THE POWER OF AN ARMY  
BUT OWING TO THE BOMB  
THE ATTENTION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT IS  
ATTRACTED TOWARDS THE  
DISORDER WHICH  
PREVALES - IF THE  
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT  
PROFIT BY THE BOMB, IT  
WILL PROVE TO BE ITS  
OWN ENEMY



MANY REVOLUTIONARIES WERE POUNDED UP AND BUDHBINDU GHOSH WAS ALSO IMPLICATED IN THE CASE HIS FRIEND C.R.DAS SAID IN THE COURT --

MY APPEAL TO YOU THEREFORE IS THAT A MAN LIKE THIS... STANDS TRIAL, NOT ONLY BEFORE THE BAR BUT BEFORE THE HIGH COURT OF HISTORY LONG AFTER THIS CONTROVERSY IS HUSHED -- THE WORLD WILL LOOK UPON HIM AS A PROPHET OF NATIONALISM AND A LOVER OF HUMANITY.

IN PUNE, TILAK WROTE AN EDITORIAL ON THE 'BOMB CASE'

केसरी.

THE BOMB PARTY HAS COME INTO EXISTENCE AS A RESULT OF THE OPPRESSION PRACTISED BY THE OFFICIAL CLASS. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CALAMITY MUST THEREFORE, BE THROWN NOT ON POLITICAL AGITATION, WRITINGS, OR SPEECHES BUT ON THE THOUGHTLESSNESS AND THE OBSTINACY OF THE OFFICIAL CLASS.

THE GOVERNMENT ARRESTED TILAK ON THE CHARGES OF SEDITION.

FOR ME IT CAN ONLY BE A MATTER OF A FEW YEARS, BUT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL LOOK TO YOUR VERDICT AND SEE WHETHER YOU HAVE JUDGED WRONG OR RIGHT THE VERDICT MAY LIKELY BE A MEMORABLE ONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM OF THE INDIAN PRESS

TILAK WAS SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS DEPORTATION AND SENT TO MANDALAY AS A PROTEST, MILL WORKERS IN BOMBAY STRUCK WORK FOR SIX DAYS "VANDE MATARAM" WROTE

GO, TILAK, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE SENT TO CRUSH YOUR BODY THE CANKER OF THE CHAINS WILL NOT ONLY EAT INTO YOUR LIMBS BUT ALSO INTO EVERY HEART OF THE COUNTRY TO STIR IT UP TO ITS DUTY. YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR MISSION.

SIMILARLY NINE REVOLUTIONARIES OF BENGAL WERE DEPORTED. BUT THE REVOLUTIONARIES BEYRAYED NO FEAR WHEN ULLASHYAR DUTTA ON TRIAL FOR LIFE, BROKE OUT INTO A PATRIOTIC SONG THE WHOLE COURT STOOD UP IN HIS HONOUR



BLESSED IS MY BIRTH THAT I AM BORN IN THIS LAND. BLESSED IS MY LIFE, FOR I LOVE YOU, O MY MOTHERLAND

ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY HEMACHANDRA LEFT FOR THE ANDAMANS WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.



MEANWHILE VINAYAK DAMODAR SAVARKAR AND HIS TEAM OF REVOLUTIONARIES WERE OPERATING FROM INDIA HOUSE IN LONDON



WE HAVE SENT BOMB MANUALS TO INDIA, OUR FRIENDS NEED MORE GUNS.

IN 1907 AT THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONGRESS SAVARKAR'S ASSOCIATE ANAND KAMA UNFURLED THE INDIAN FLAG



THIS FLAG, THE FLAG OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE, IS SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF MARTYRED INDIAN YOUTHS. CALL UPON YOU, GENTLEMEN, TO RISE AND SALUTE IT.

THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY TOOK UP THE CHARGE

SAVARKAR WROTE THE HISTORY OF THE REVOLT OF 1857.



THAT WAS NO REVOLT. IT WAS THE FIRST WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

HE REMAINED IMMOBILIZED WHEN IN HIS HOME-COUNTRY HIS ELDER BROTHER GANESH SAVARKAR WAS SENTENCED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE. HE NEVER, HIS ASSOCIATE NARAYAN DINKAR WAS FURIOUS



VIOLENCE SHALL BE MET WITH VIOLENCE THE OPPRESSION OF MY COUNTRYMEN WILL NOT GO UNAVENGED.

MADANLAL DHINGRA SHOT SIR CURLEW WYLIE, THE ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT ON INDIAN AFFAIRS



DHINGRA DEFENDED HIS ACT

I SHED ENGLISH BLOOD ON ENGLISH SOIL INTENTIONALLY AND ON PURPOSE AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE INHUMAN TRANSPORTATION AND HANGING OF INDIAN YOUTH

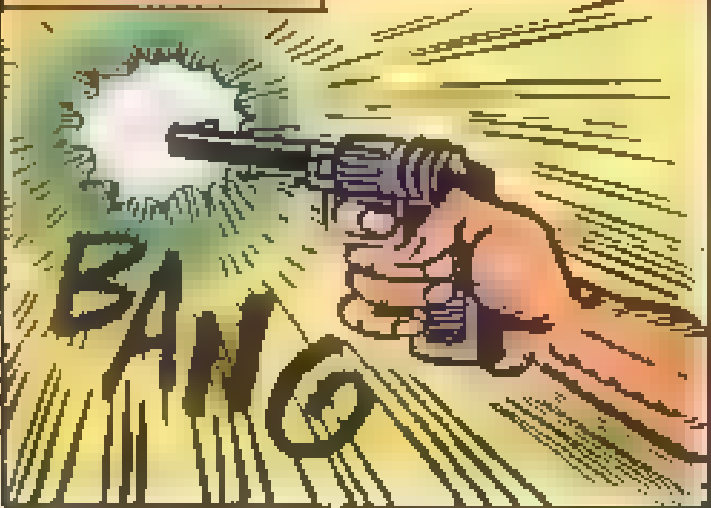


LATER, IN A STATEMENT HE EXPLAINED-

I BELIEVE IN A WAR. IF OUR BY A FOREIGN EMPOWERMENT IS A PERPETUAL STATE WAR. SINCE OPEN BATTLE IS RENDERED IMPOSSIBLE TO A DOPPEL PEOPLE THE ONLY LESSON REQUIRED IN INDIA PRESENT IS TO SHOW HOW TO DIE AND THE ONLY WAY TO TEACH IT IS BY DYING OURSELVES



MEANWHILE IN INDIA, JACKSON, THE BRITISH COLLECTOR OF NASK, WHO HAD TAKEN GANESH SAVARKAR INTO CUSTODY, WAS SHOT DEAD.



GANESH SAVARKAR HIMSELF WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 10, 1910, AT VICTORIA STATION IN LONDON



SAVARKAR MADE A DARING ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE WHILE BEING BROUGHT TO INDIA.



HOWEVER, HE WAS CAPTURED AND PRODUCED BEFORE A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL IN BOMBAY IN 1910

WE FIND THE ACCUSED GUILTY OF ABETMENT OF WAGING WAR BY INSTIGATION, BY THE CIRCULATION OF PRINTED MATTER INCITING WAR, PROVIDING OF ARMS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES



SAVARKAR WAS SENTENCED TO TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

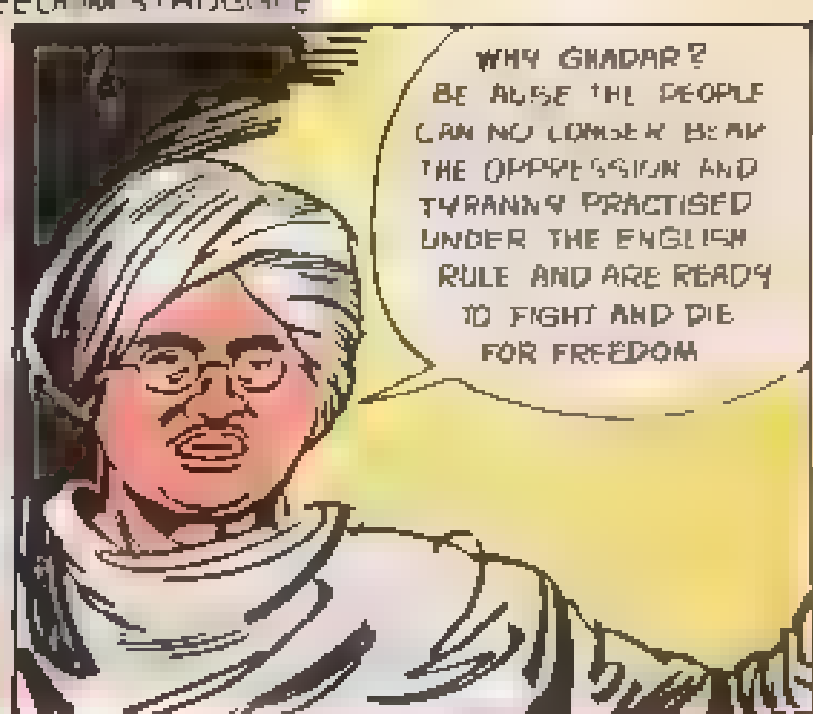
I AM PREPARED TO PAY UNGRUDGINGLY THE EXTREME PENALTY OF YOUR LAWS IN MY BELIEF THAT IT IS THROUGH SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE ALONE THAT OUR BELOVED MOTHERLAND CAN MAKE HER OWN MAP ON THE ASSURED HIGH SPEEDY TRAIL





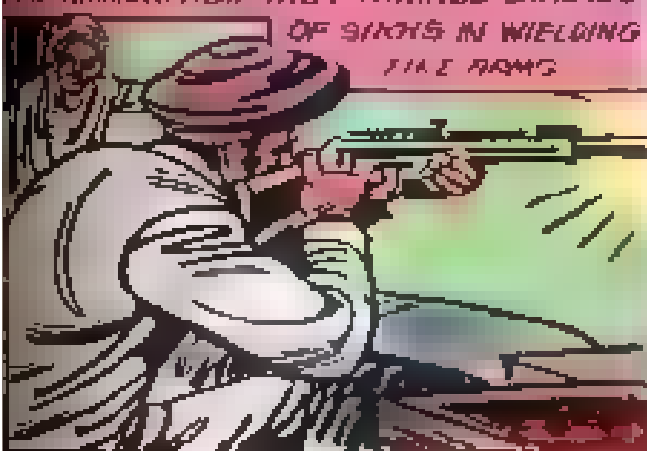
WITH THE DEPARTURE OF SAYARAKAR, LONDON CEASED TO BE AN IMPORTANT CENTRE FOR REVOLUTIONARIES ABROAD. IT HELPED POLICE TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM WHERE LALA HARDAYAL LAUNCHED THE GHADAR PARTY. IN 1913, HE LAUNCHED ITS PUBLICATION "GHADAR."

WHAT IS OUR NAME? GHADAR  
WHAT IS OUR WORK? GHADAR  
WHERE WILL GHADAR BREAK  
OUT? IN INDIA WHEN? IN  
A FEW YEARS



WHY GHADAR?  
BECAUSE THE PEOPLE  
CAN NO LONGER BEAR  
THE OPPRESSION AND  
TYRANNY PRACTISED  
UNDER THE ENGLISH  
RULE AND ARE READY  
TO FIGHT AND DIE  
FOR FREEDOM

LALA HARDAYAL AND HIS FRIENDS  
CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF INDIA'S  
FREEDOM IN AMERICA. THEY COLLECTED  
MONEY, BOUGHT AND SENT HOME ARMS  
AND AMMUNITION. THEY TRAINED BATCHES  
OF SIKHS IN WIELDING  
FIRE ARMS



AROUND THIS TIME A GROUP OF OVER  
350 SIKHS CHARTERED THE SHIP KOMAGATAMARU  
TO SAIL FOR CANADA AND SETTLE IN THAT COUNTRY



THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES REFUSED SIKH  
PASSENGERS ENTRY AND THE SHIP SAILED  
BACK TO INDIA



WHEN THE PASSENGERS CAME TO CALCUTTA THEY  
WERE SUBJECTED TO MUCH HARASSMENT WITHOUT  
ANY PROVOCATION THE POLICE OPENED FIRE ON THEM



THE INDISCRIMINATE KILLING OF THE INNOCENT  
SUKHS OF KOMAGATAMARU HAD ITS  
REPERCUSSIONS IN AMERICA.

WE ARE NOW READY  
TO RETURN TO OUR  
COUNTRY, TO  
SHOOT AND KILL  
OUR  
OPPRESSORS.

IN INDIA THE STAGE WAS SET FOR AN ARMED  
RISING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF RASH  
BEHARI BOSE IN LAHORE.

THE TIME IS CERTAINLY  
RIPE FOR AN ARMED  
UPRISING AS  
BRITAIN IS BUSY  
WITH THE WAR IN  
EUROPE

RASH BEHARI AND HIS COMRADES  
PLANNED A MASS UPRISING IN THE NORTH-  
EAST ON FEBRUARY 21, 1915.

TWENTY-SIX CANTONMENTS  
ARE PREPARING  
TO REVOLT

THE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN  
INSTRUCTED TO CAPTURE  
THEIR ENGLISH OFFICERS  
AND TO LOOT THE  
TREASURIES. THE GHADAR  
MEN WILL LAUNCH A  
SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK

IN CALCUTTA, JATIN MUKHERJI, THE LEADER  
OF THE REVOLUTIONARIES, HAD SET UP A  
COMPANY TO CAMOUFLAGE ACTIVITIES.

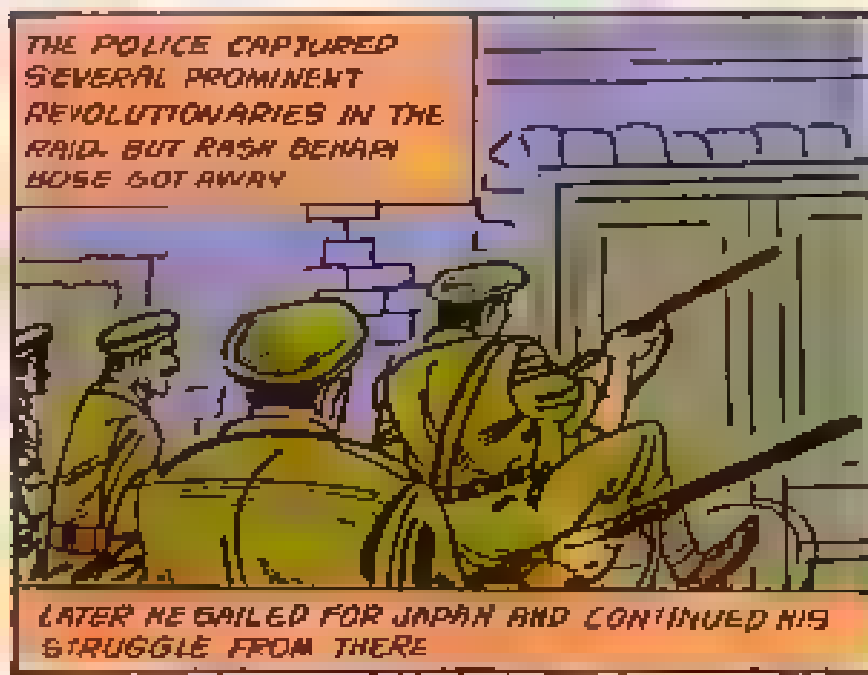
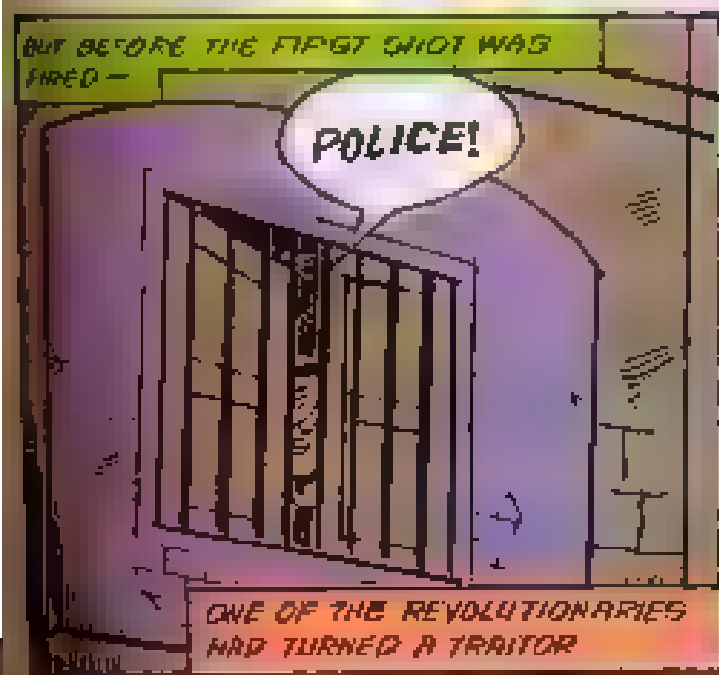
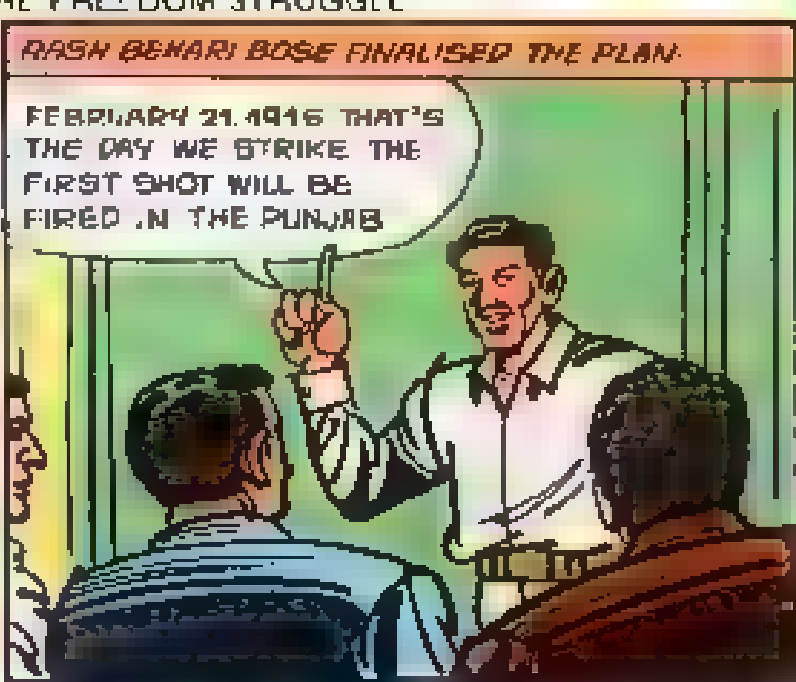
YOU ARE NO LONGER  
WORKING FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT, I  
HEARD.

I'M NOT I'M GOING  
INTO BUSINESS  
THAT'S MY FIRM  
DECISION.  
BUILDERS AND  
CONTRACTORS.

HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH RASH BEHARI BOSE  
THEN ACTIVE IN PUNJAB.

HOW IS THE BUILDING  
WORK GOING ON IN  
THE PUNJAB?

OUR  
PEOPLE ARE  
ASKING FOR  
MORE  
MATERIAL.



JATIN'S ASSOCIATES HAD OPENED A COMPANY IN CALCUTTA TO SMUGGLE ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY.



HOWEVER, PLANS TO BRING ARMS BY THE SHIP HAVE YET FAILED TO MATERIALISE THE POLICE WHO PAID HARRY & CO FOUND A CLUE WHICH PUT THEM ON JATIN'S TRAIL



WE WILL SOON HAVE COMPANY

JATIN AND HIS MEN TOOK POSITIONS ON A HILLOCK IN BALASORE

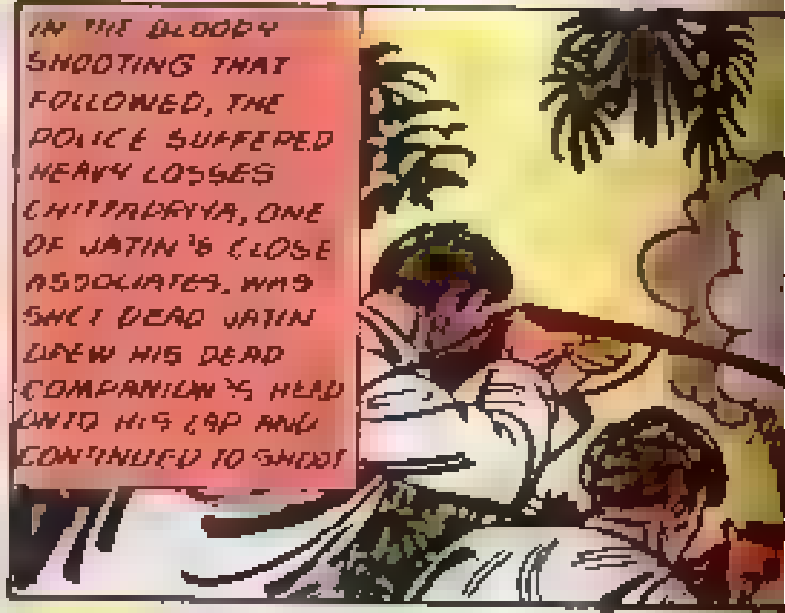


DADA, EVEN NOW IT IS NOT LATE YOU MUST ESCAPE

WALA FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY YOU MUST SAVE YOUR LIFE

DON'T WORRY, IF ONE JATIN FALLS, A THOUSAND MORE WILL RISE

IN THE BLOODY SHOOTING THAT FOLLOWED, THE POLICE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES CHITAPADRYA, ONE OF JATIN'S CLOSE ASSOCIATES, WAS SHOT DEAD JATIN DREW HIS DEAD COMPANION'S HEAD ONTO HIS LAP AND CONTINUED TO SHOOT



GUDRENU AL WAS CHIEF



THINK THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR BULLETS.



OH GOD, WHAT A GHOSTLY SIGHT

JATIN WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED ON SEPTEMBER 1945 HIS TEGAR, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER, WHOSE MISSION WAS TO CAPTURE JATIN, WAS AT THE BEDSIDE WHEN THE END CAME



I HAVE MET THE BRIVES OF INDIANS IN YOU, MR. MUKHERJI BUT I HAD TO DO MY DUTY

MEANWHILE A NEW STAR HAD STARTED SHINING ON THE HORIZON — MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI. HE HAD ARRIVED IN INDIA AFTER AN EVENTFUL STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID IN AFRICA. IN JANUARY 1915 AFTER A YEAR OF POLITICAL SILENCE, HE MADE A MAJOR POLITICAL SPEECH DURING THE CELEBRATIONS HELD IN FEBRUARY 1916 IN VARANASI TO CELEBRATE THE FOUNING OF THE BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY.

## BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY 1916



HE SPOKE AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REVOLUTIONARIES —

I WOULD SAY TO THEM THAT THEIR ANARCHISM HAS NO ROOM IN INDIA. IF INDIA IS TO CONQUER THE CONQUEROR IT IS A SIGN OF FEAR... I HONOUR THE ANARCHIST FOR HIS BRAVERY IN BEING WILLING TO DIE FOR HIS COUNTRY BUT I ASK HIM IS KILLING HONOURABLE?



INDIA HEARD THIS FEARLESS VOICE AND KNEW THAT SOMEONE DIFFERENT HAD ENTERED THE SCENE.

THE POET BABINDRANATH TAGORE HAILED HIM AS MAHATMA, AND THE POOR LOOKED UP TO HIM.

MAHATMAJI, AM FROM CHAMPARAN DISTRICT, BIHAR. OUR ENGLISH LANDLORDS FORCED US TO GROW INDIGO. NOW THAT SYNTHETIC INDIGO HAS BEEN DISCOVERED THEY FORCE US TO PAY THEM COMPENSATION FOR NOT GROWING IT ANY LONGER. HELP US.



BANARSI WENT TO CHAMPARAN. THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED HIM TO LEAVE, WHICH HE REFUSED TO DO. HE WOULD INSTEAD GO WILLINGLY TO JAIL. THE NEWS SPREAD.

A LAWYER MAHATMA HAS COME, WHO IS GOING TO JAIL FOR OUR SAKE.

HE WANTS NOTHING FROM US, ONLY JUSTICE FOR US FROM THE ENGLISH.





AND THE 1,000 GATHERED A CROWD ROUND THE COURTHOUSE, STARED BY AN ARMY ENTIREMENT  
 MARCHING IN NEW CLOTHES THAT A LEADER AS IT BE FATHER TO HIS PEOPLE HERE HE  
 WAS THERE



GANDHI SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCEING BOTH THE MAGISTRATE AND THE PEASANTS AND WAS QUICKLY  
 RELEASED THEN QUIETLY, POLITELY, MANIFESTLY. HE WORKED TO MAKE THE LANDLORDS RETURN  
 PART OF WHAT THEY HAD FORBIDDEN TAKEN FROM THE PEASANTS HE HAD SHOWN THE PEASANTS  
 COMINGING TO NOW UNDER BRITISH AUTHORITY, THAT THEY NEED FEAR IT NO LONGER THIS  
 MEANS THAT HE MET RAJENDRA PRASAD AND J B KRIPALANI

GANDHI SET UP THE RISE IN ANHIMBAR'S  
 AND THE MILL OWNERS WHO WERE ASKING FOR  
 A RISE IN WAGES THEY AGREE TO CONTINUE THE  
 STRIKE TILL THE MILL OWNERS AGREE TO THE RISE



THE OWNERS STOOD FIRM THE WORKERS  
 BEGAN TO FLEE GANDHI WAS UPSET, THEY  
 MUST NOT GIVE IN NOW HOW COULD HE  
 CONTINUE THEM



AND THE NEXT MOMENT -



FOR THE FIRST TIME, THROUGH A FAST, THROUGH  
 SELF DENIAL, A LEADER WAS PLAYING A GREAT  
 PERSONAL RISK, UP FRONT IN HIS OWN LIFE



AFTER THIS CAME THE ISSUE OF THE CULTIVATORS OF KHEDA DISTRICT TO THE SOUTH-EAST OF AHMEDABAD DURING EXCESSIVE RAIN DURING THE PREVIOUS MONSOON THE CROPS HAD FALLEN BELOW THE NORMAL LEVEL



THE PEOPLE DEMANDIED THAT THE COLLECTION OF LAND REVENUE SHOULD BE POSTPONED TO THE NEXT YEAR BUT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT AGREE TO THIS.

GANDHI ADVISED THE CULTIVATORS NOT TO PAY THE LAND REVENUE THE GOVERNMENT CONFISCATED THE CATTLE, THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS



... AND EVEN THE STANDING CROPS IN THE FIELDS OF THOSE WHO DID NOT PAY

THIS RESULTED IN MUCH SUFFERING AMONG THE FARMERS, TILL UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE VICEROY, THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY CHANGED ITS POLICY AND THE COLLECTOR OF KHEDA INFORMED GANDHI THAT THE CULTIVATORS WHO WERE TOO POOR TO PAY WOULD NOT BE FORCED TO DO SO. THE FIGHT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GUJARATI IN SATYAGRAHA, A LESSON IN COURAGE AND SELF-SACRIFICE AND IT GAVE THEM A NEW LEADER, VALABHIMAI FATEL WHO BECAME GANDHI'S LOYAL LIEUTENANT IN ALL HIS SATYAGRAHA BATTLES



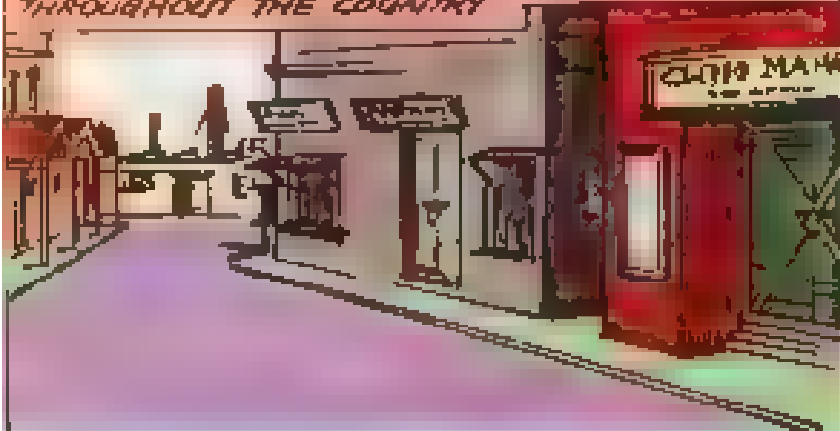
SOON AFTER THIS, ALTHOUGH LORD MONTAGU WAS AGAINST IT, GANDHI HELPED ENGLAND RECRUIT SOLDIERS FOR WORLD WAR-I THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR- DO UNTO US AS WE DO UNTO YOU INDIA WANTED HOME RULE IN FAIR EXCHANGE FOR HER WAR EFFORTS. BUT AT THE END OF THE WAR-

THE BRITISH HAVE PASSED THE ROWLATT ACTS TO KILL THE PEOPLE'S SPIRIT OF FREEDOM THE HARSH WAR-TIME MEASURES ARE TO CONTINUE

IS THIS OUR REWARD FOR ALL THE BLOOD INDIANS SPILT FOR THEM IN THE WAR ?

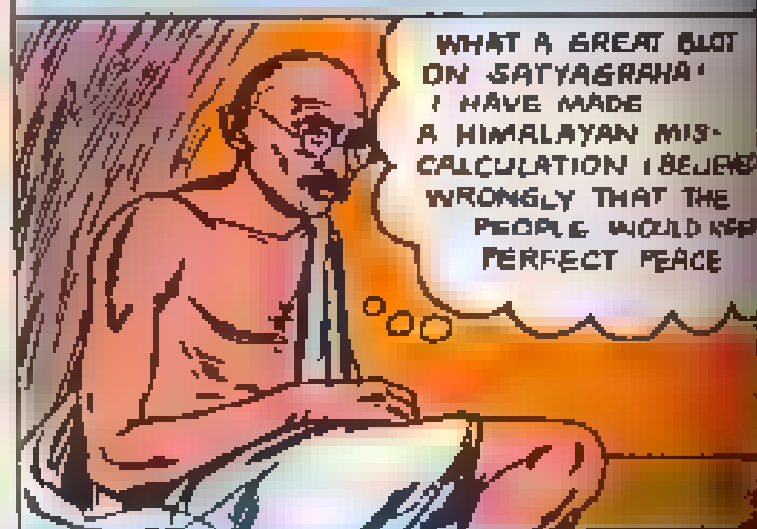


IN PROTEST, GANDHI TOOK HIS FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL STEP IN INDIA. HE CALLED FOR A NATION WIDE SATYAGRAHA, A MARTAL. ALL SHOPS, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, MILLS AND FACTORIES WERE TO VOLUNTARILY CLOSED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1919 THE CALL WAS FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY



A NATION COMING PEACEFULLY TO A HALT WAS QUITE A SPECTACLE.

GANDHI WAS ARRESTED ON APRIL 5 AS A REACTION THERE WAS VIOLENCE IN SOME PLACES DELHI, AMRITSAR, AHMEDABAD AND VARANASI. GANDHI WAS DEEPLY PAINED.



HE CALLED OFF THE SATYAGRAHA

THEN CAME APRIL 3, BATAVIA, AND THE MASSACRE AT JALLIANWALA BAGH IN AMRITSAR AN ARMY OFFICER, GENERAL DYER, ANGERED BY THE KILLING OF SOME ENGLISHMEN IN THE CITY AND THE ASSAULT ON AN ENGLISH WOMAN ON THE 10TH BY AN EXCITED CROWD, WANTED TO PUNISH THE PEOPLE UNDER HIS ORDERS SEPOYS FIRED ON AN UNARMED CROWD AND KILLED MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE AND WOUNDED MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND



THE SOLDIERS FIRED 1650 ROUNDS IN TEN MINUTES, AND STOPPED ONLY WHEN THEY HAD NO MORE AMMUNITION

ON APRIL 15, MARTIAL LAW WAS IMPOSED IN MANY PARTS OF THE PUNJAB COLLEGE STUDENTS IN LAMORE WERE FORCED TO WALK SEVERAL MILES IN THE HOT SUN TO ATTEND COMPULSORY ROLL CALL TWICE A DAY



SOME WERE FLOGGED IN PUBLIC



AND THE PEOPLE PASSING THROUGH THE STREET IN WHICH THE ENGLISHWOMAN WAS ASSAULTED WERE FORCED TO CRAWL ON THEIR KNEES



ONE DISTRICT WAS BOMBED FROM THE AIR



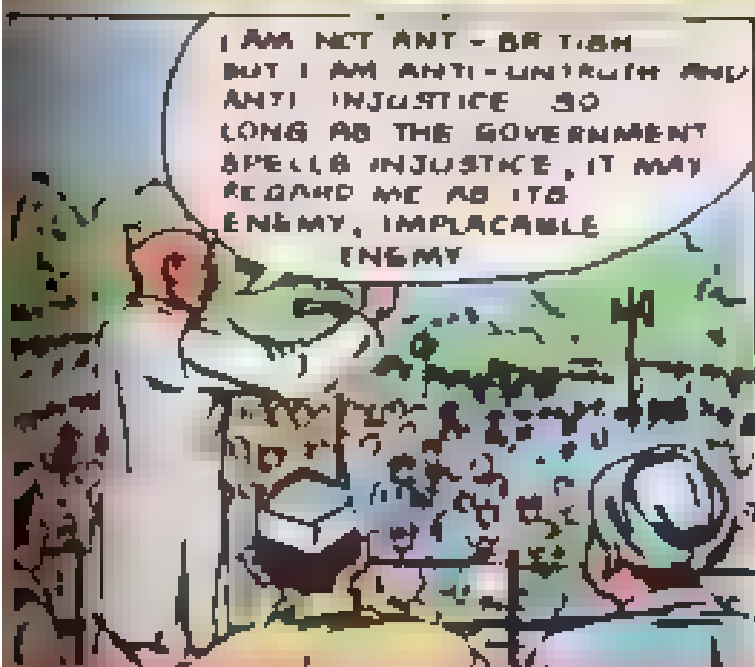
RESPECTABLE CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED WITHOUT WARRANT AND HANDCUFFED

PERIOD OF TERROR LASTED SIX WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE MARTIAL LAW, FOR MANY DAYS, THE NEWS OF THE COUNTRY WAS NOT KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN PUNJAB BUT SLOWLY THE HORROR STORIES SPREAD, AND THE PEOPLE WERE SHOCKED

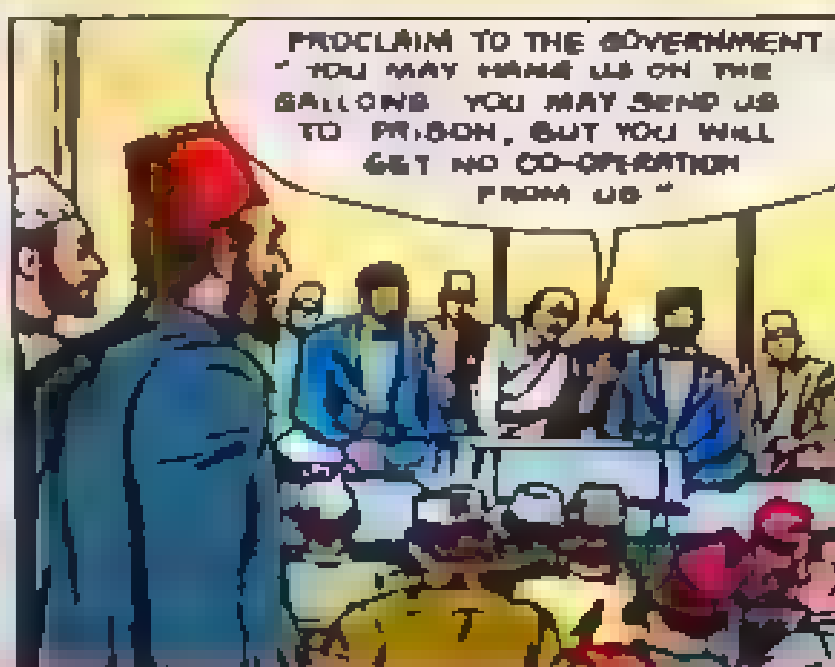
GHANDI WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO PUNJAB FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHEN AT LAST HE WENT THERE IN OCTOBER, FIRST TO LAHORE AND THEN TO AMRITSAR, LARGES CRUSHES FOLLOWED HIM



ALTHOUGH HIS FAITH OF MANY YEARS IN THE BRITISH PEOPLE'S SENSE OF JUSTICE, GHANDI NOW BECAME A DETERMINED REBEL AGAINST BRITISH RULE IN INDIA HE CALLED IT SATYAGRAH AND ASKED HINDUS AND MUSLIMS TO UNITE AGAINST IT AND NOT CO-OPERATE WITH IT IN ANY WAY INDIANNA JUAN HAD DIED IN 1930 THIS HAD MADE GHANDI THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF THE CONGRESS



"I AM NOT ANTI-BRITISH BUT I AM ANTI-UNTRUTH AND ANTI-INJUSTICE SO LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT SPELLS INJUSTICE, IT MAY REGARD ME AS ITS ENEMY, IMPLACABLE ENEMY"



"PROCLAIM TO THE GOVERNMENT 'YOU MAY TAKE US ON THE GALLONS YOU MAY SEND US TO PRISON, BUT YOU WILL GET NO CO-OPERATION FROM US'"

THE NON-CO-OPERATION MOVEMENT LAUNCHED BY GHANDI WAS BASED ON HIS BELIEF IN NON-VIOLENCE, IT MEANT REFUSAL TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ANY MANNER AND INVOLVED THE BOYCOTT OF BRITISH COLLETS, SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES THE SURRENDERING OF ALL HONOURS AND TITLES, AND THE BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS



MEANWHILE THE REVOLUTION WAS CARRIED ON WITH THE STRUGGLE MANY YOUNGSTERS BECAME MEMBERS OF THE HINDUSTAN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION, A REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION. THEIR LEADER WAS RAMPRASAD BISMIL. THE SENIOR MEMBERS WERE ASHFAQULLA, ROSHAN SACH, RAJENDRA LAHIRI AND CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD.



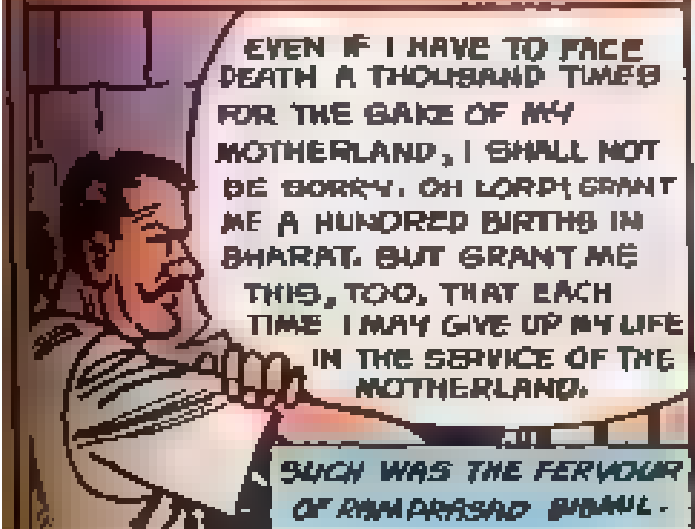
IT WAS THE EVENING OF THE 9TH OF AUGUST, 1915. AT KAKORI, A FEW MILES FROM LUCKNOW IN UTTAR PRADESH



THE NEXT DAY -



HOWEVER, THE POLICE ROUNDED UP ALL THE REVOLUTIONARIES WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE TRAIN ROBBERY EXCEPT AZAD.



THASADUK KHAN, THE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT TRIED TO WIN OVER ASHFAQULLA.





KHAN SAHEB, I AM  
QUITE SURE HINDU  
INDIA WILL BE MUCH  
BETTER THAN  
BRITISH INDIA



OF COURSE ASHFAQULLA, BISMIL AND OTHERS  
WERE FIGHTING FOR ALL OUR COUNTRYMEN  
ASHFAQULLA WROTE -



A MAN IS BOUND TO  
DIE, SO WHY SHOULD  
ANYONE BE AFRAID OF  
DEATH? LET OUR MOTHER  
LAND BECOME FREE.  
WHAT MATTERS  
WHETHER WE BE  
ALIVE OR DEAD?

DEC 12, 1927: RAJENDRA LAMIRI WAS HANGED  
DEC 19, 1927: RAMDRASS BISMIL AND  
ASHFAQULLA WERE HANGED.  
DEC 20, 1927: ROSHAN SINGH WAS HANGED

THE HANGINGS STRENGTHENED  
THE WILL OF ARAD, BHAGAT SINGH  
AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARIES.  
THEY CONTINUED THE FIGHT FOR  
FREEDOM ON BHAGAT SINGH'S  
SUGGESTION, THEY CALLED  
THEIR ORGANISATION THE  
HINDUSTAN SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION

WE WILL ESTABLISH  
A SOCIETY WHICH  
IS FREE FROM  
EXPLOITATION

WE WANT FREEDOM FOR  
OUR COUNTRY. WE WILL  
NOT BEG FOR IT BUT WILL  
OBTAIN IT AS OUR  
RIGHT



THEN IN FEBRUARY 1928 THE SIMON COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CAME  
TO INDIA TO SEE WHAT FURTHER POLITICAL REFORMS MIGHT BE GRANTED THERE WAS NO INDIAN  
THE COMMISSION ALL PARTIES IN THE COUNTRY BOYCOTTED IT WHEREVER IT WENT -



PATRIOTS WHO TOOK OUT PROCESSIONS OF PROTEST WERE BEATEN MERCILESSLY IN LAHORE, LALA  
LAJPATRAI WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED DURING A BOYCOTT PROCESSION HE DIED A FEW DAYS LATER

THE REVOLUTIONARIES DECIDED TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF THE LALA THE MEN CHOSEN FOR THE MISSION WERE BHARAT SINGH AND RAJGURU



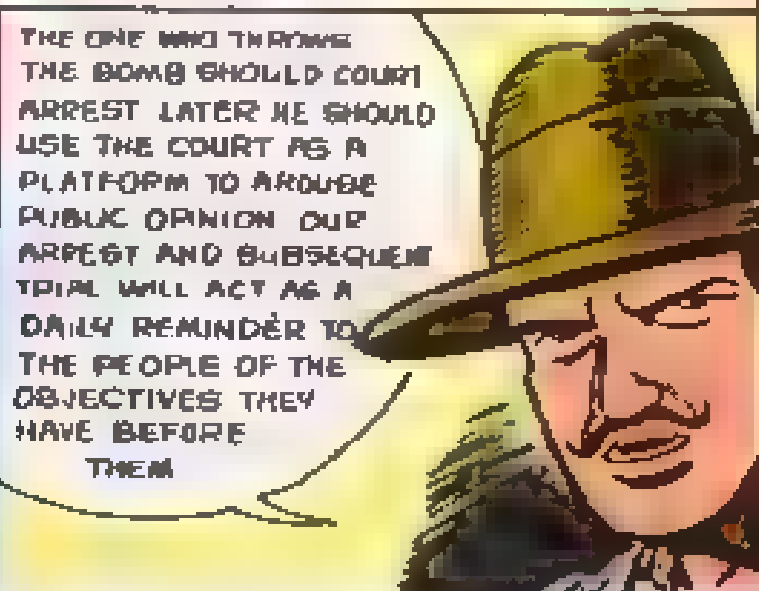
BY THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE WHOLE OF INDIA HAD HEARD OF THE INCIDENT POSTERS APPEARED ALL OVER LANDRE



BHARAT SINGH CAME OUT WITH A PROPOSAL TO AROUSE THE NATION FROM ITS SLUMBER AND COMPEL THE AUTHORITIES TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE DEEP-ROOTED DISCONTENT AMONG THE PEOPLE



THE ONE WHO THROWS THE BOMB SHOULD COURT ARREST LATER HE SHOULD USE THE COURT AS A PLATFORM TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION OUR ARREST AND SUBSEQUENT TRIAL WILL ACT AS A DAILY REMINDER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE OBJECTIVES THEY HAVE BEFORE THEM

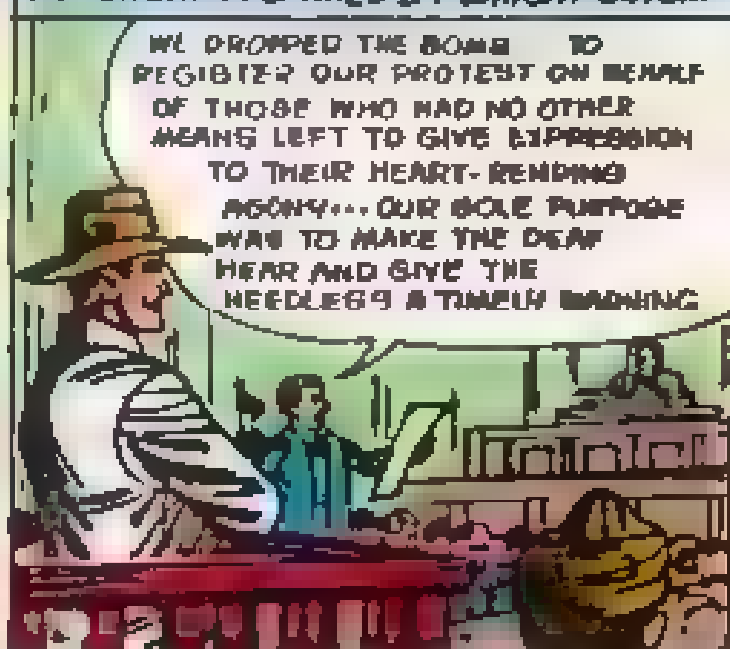


MAY 9, 1919 WAS THE CHOSEN DATE. THE VENERABLE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY IN DELHI FROM THE VISITOR'S GALLERY BHARAT SINGH HURLED A BOMB AND HIS COMPANION BAIJAGESHWAR BUTTA THREW DOWN UNCLE TOMS



THE TWO REVOLUTIONARIES COURAGED ARREST ALTHOUGH THEY COULD HAVE EASILY ESCAPED IN THE CONFUSION THAT FOLLOWED.

LATER IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, ASAF ALI, THE LAWYER, READ OUT THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY BHARAT SINGH.



A FEW MONTHS LATER ON DECEMBER 5, 1931, THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WITH JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PRESIDING DECLARED COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, OR POORNA SWARAJ, AS THE GOAL OF INDIA IN ORDER TO ATTAIN IT



THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT THE PROGRAMME BUT THE REAL DECISION LAY WITH GANDHI

GANDHI TOOK MORE THAN TWO MONTHS TO DECIDE HOW TO START THE BATTLE THEN, HAVING MADE UP HIS MIND, HE WROTE TO THE VICE ROY LORD IRWIN ON MARCH 2

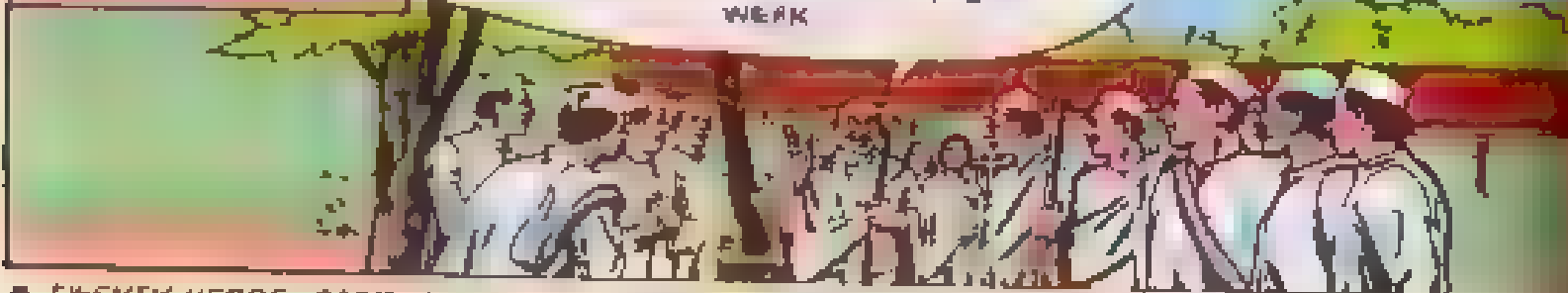
AND GANDHI AS A FIRST STEP IN THE COMING BATTLE ASKED THE PEOPLE TO TAKE THE VOW OF NON-DEPENDENCE ON JANUARY 31, 1930

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE AS OF ANY OTHER PEOPLE TO HAVE FREEDOM AND TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR TOIL.

IF INDIA IS TO LIVE AS A NATION, THE SLOW DEATH BY STARVATION OF HER PEOPLE IS TO STOP, SOME REMEDY MUST BE FOUND IF MY LETTER MAKES NO APPEAL TO YOUR HEART, I SHALL PROCEED WITH SUCH CO-WORKERS OF THE ASHRAM I CAN TAKE, TO DISREGARD THE PROVISIONS OF THE SALT LAWS

GANDHI'S LETTER DID NOT APPEAL TO THE VICE ROY'S HEART AND SO CAME THE MEMORABLE DAY IN THE HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA. 1TH MARCH 1930 AT 4.30 IN THE MORNING AT THE ASHRAM, GANDHI ADDRESSED HIS BAND OF SEVENTY-EIGHT SATYAGRAHIS WHAT THEY WERE ABOUT TO LAUNCH WAS THE FINAL STRUGGLE

WE HOPE TO BECOME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POOREST OF THE POOR, THE LOWEST OF THE LOW, AND WEAKEST OF THE WEAK



■ TWENTY YEARS LATER IN 1950 THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF 1930 BECAME THE REPUBLIC DAY OF FREE INDIA

# THE STORY OF THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE

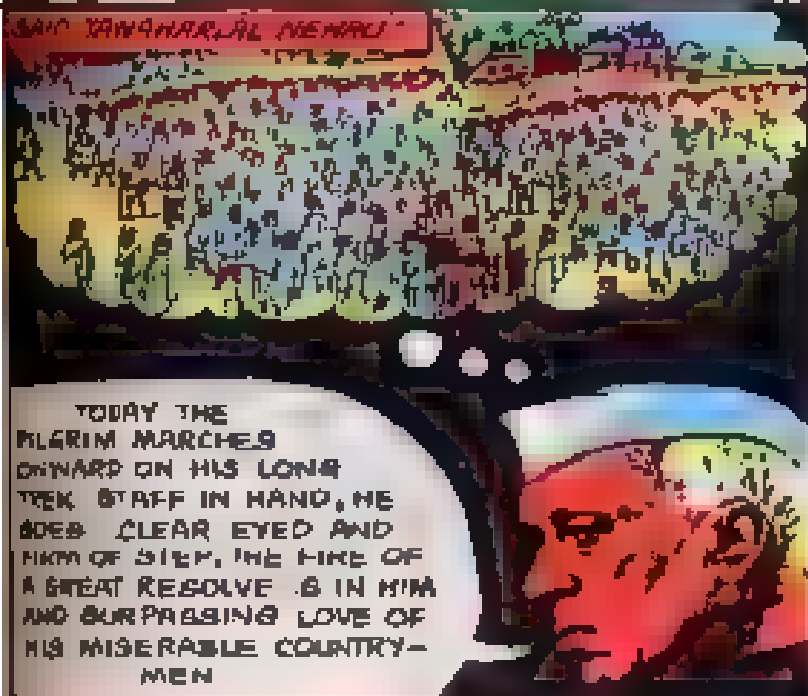
AS THE SIXTYONE YEAR OLD GANDHI STEPPED OUT OF THE ASHRAM, A GREAT SHIVER OF EXCITEMENT RAN THROUGH THE CROWD



WROTE THE "BOMBAY CHRONICLE"

THE SCENES THAT PRECEDED THIS NATIONAL EVENT WERE SO MAGNIFICENT AND SOUL-IRRING THAT THEY BEGAR DESCRIPTION

Said YAWAHARLAL NEHRU



TODAY THE PILGRIM MARCHES ONWARD ON HIS LONG TREK STAFF IN HAND, HE DOES CLEAR EYED AND FIRM OF STEP, THE FIRE OF A GREAT RESOLVE IS IN HIM AND SURPASSING LOVE OF HIS MISERABLE COUNTRY-MEN

THOUSANDS GATHERED TO WELCOME THE ANATMA AT EVERY VILLAGE ON THE ROUTE TO ALL OF THEM GANDHI SAID THE SAME THING -

SPIN EVERY DAY AND WEAR KHADI ABOLISH UNTOUCHABILITY BANISH THE EVIL OF DRINK.



WALKING A DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE KM IN TWENTY-FOUR DAYS, GANDHI AND HIS SATYA GRAH S ARRIVED AT DAND ON THE BORDER OF SOUTH GUJARAT ON THE MORNING OF 5 TH APRIL



THE NEXT DAY -



HAI DEL VERE!

14 TH APRIL TO 15 TH APRIL WAS OBSERVED AS NATIONAL TRIP IN MEMORY OF THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE

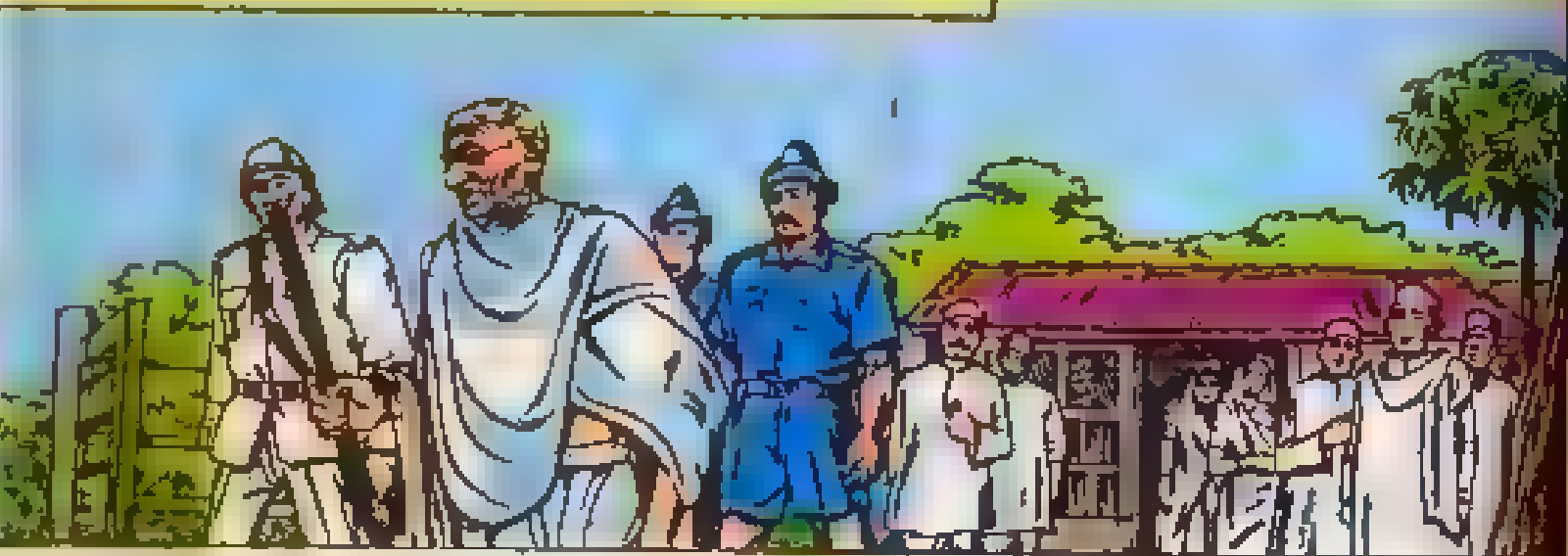
ALL INDIA WAS EXCITED THE MAKING OF ILLEGAL SALT BECAME A WAY OF PROTEST ALONG THE SEACOAST. INDIANS BEGAN TO MAKE AND SELL SALT



THE GOVERNMENT, ALARMED BY THIS FEARLESS REFRANCE, TRIED TO STOP THE MOVEMENT USING HARSH METHODS



GANDHI TERMED THE POLICE BRUTALITIES THAT FOLLOWED THE DANDI MARCH AS "GOONDA RAAJ." ON MAY 3, HE WROTE TO THE VICEROY OF HIS INTENTION TO BRID THE GOVERNMENT SALT MONOPOLY AT DHARAGAN. HE WAS ARRESTED THE VERY NEXT DAY



AND THE SATYAGRAHI RAID WAS LED BY  
JAGJIN HAIKU ON THE MORNING OF MAY 21,  
A DISCIPLINED ARMY OF 2,600 SATYAGRAHI  
WARRIORS GOT READY FOR THE ATTACK AFTER  
HOURS

GANDHI'S BODY IS IN JAIL BUT HIS  
SOUL IS WITH YOU INDIA'S PRESTIGE  
IS IN YOUR HANDS YOU MUST NOT  
USE ANY VIOLENCE YOU WILL BE  
BEATEN BUT YOU MUST NOT  
RESIST YOU MUST NOT EVEN  
RAISE A HAND TO  
WARD OFF BLOWS



AAAH!



KILL  
THOSE  
BRUTAL  
POLICEMEN!

BE CALM  
THIS IS  
THE PRICE  
OF  
SATYAGRAHA



THE NEXT LINE OF BRITISH MEN  
MOVED FORWARD

IN THE COURSE  
OF THE DAY,  
SOME TOO SATY-  
GRAHIS WERE  
BEATEN UP

THE DHARASANA RAIDS SOON STOPPED, BUT  
THE SALT SATYAGRAHA CONTINUED  
SHADUALLY BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION  
ALTERNENT A CHANGE GANDHI WAS  
RELEASED ON JANUARY 26, 1931 HE WAS  
INVITED FOR TALKS BY LORD IRWIN AT THE  
VLEREGAL PALACE ON FEBRUARY 17



LORD IRWIN WAS FRIENDLY WHEN TEA WAS  
SERVED

THANK YOU WILL  
ADD SOME SALT TO IT  
TO REMIND US OF THE  
FAMOUS BOSTON TEA  
PARTY.



THE GANDHI-IRWIN PACT WAS SIGNED. THE VICEROY  
AGREED TO RELEASE THE SATYAGRAHI PRISONERS  
PEACEFUL PICKETING OF FOREIGN CLOTH SHOPS  
AND LIQUOR BOOTHS WAS PERMITTED. THE GOODS  
AND LANDS CONFISCATED FOR NON PAYMENT OF LAND  
REVENUE WERE RETURNED

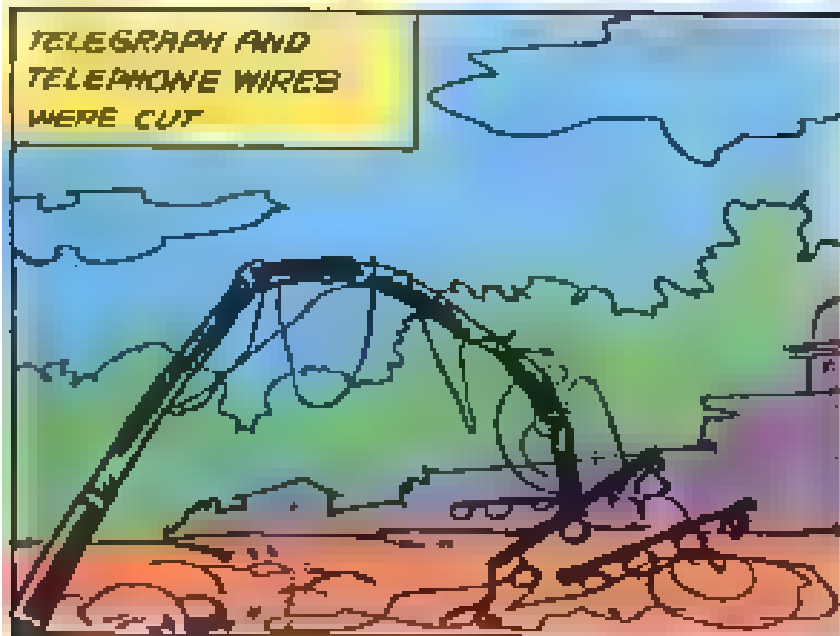
IN 1911 THE BRITISH ONE HAD THROWN ENGLISH TEA BOMBS INTO THE SEA AT BOSTON HARBOR IN  
REJECT AGAINST THE TAX ON TEA



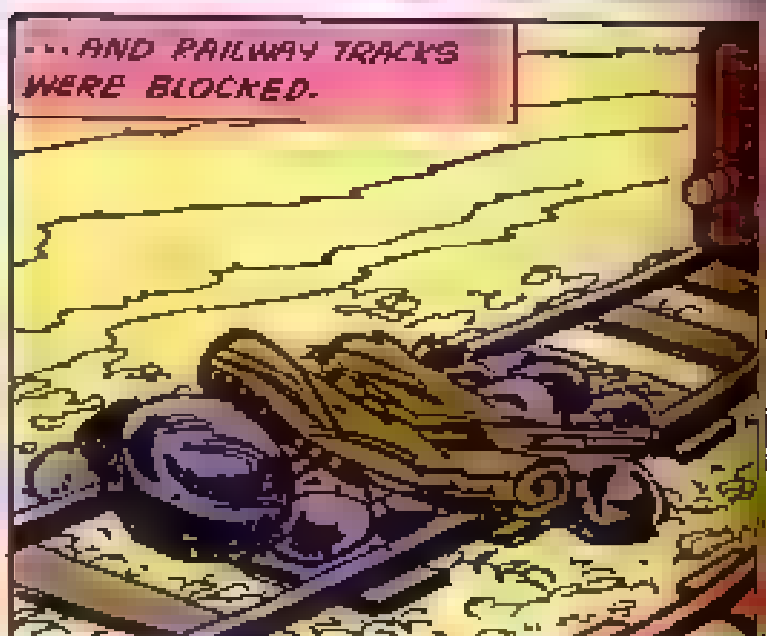
6 TH APRIL TO 13 TH APRIL WAS OBSERVED AS NATIONAL WEEK IN MEMORY OF THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE JALLIANWALLA BAGH MASSACRE IN 1919 THE REVOLUTIONARIES TOO DEALT HARD BLOWS TO BRITISH RULERS. SURYA SEN AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE INDIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLICAN ARMY CONTINUED TO HAUNT THE BRITISH IN BENGAL. SURYA SEN HAD STRUCK THE FIRST BLOW ON APRIL 18, 1930 WHEN HIS BOYS SUCCESSFULLY RAIDED THE CHITTAGONG ARMOURY



TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES WERE CUT



... AND RAILWAY TRACKS WERE BLOCKED.



MASTERDA, AS SURYA SEN WAS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED, ADDRESSED A MEETING.

CHITTAGONG IS LIBERATED. THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WILL CONTINUE OUR MOTTO IS - LIBERTY OR DEATH

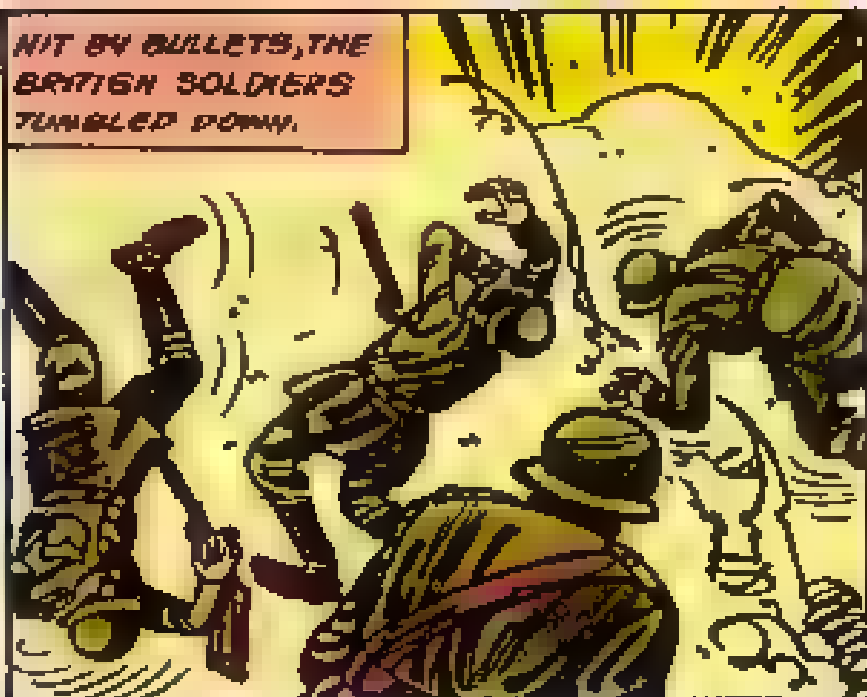


THE BRITISH MUSTERED A STRONG FORCE AND SURROUNDED THE HILLS OF JALALABAD, NEAR CHITTAGONG, WHERE THE FREEDOM-FIGHTERS HAD TAKEN UP POSITIONS. AS THE SOLDIERS CAME WITHIN FIRING RANGE--



FRIENDS, OPEN FIRE

HIT BY BULLETS, THE BRITISH SOLDIERS TUMBLED DOWN.



THE BRITISH SOLDIERS THEN TOOK POSITIONS ON A NEARBY HILL AND THEIR MACHINE-GUNS BEGAN TO SPILL FIRE



THEY CEASED FIRE LATE IN THE NIGHT.

THEY CAME EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AND FOUND 12 DEAD BODIES MASTERDA AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAD ESCAPED.



MASTERDA (SURYA BEN) AND HIS GUERRILLA FORCE OF MEN AND WOMEN CONTINUED TO WAGE WARFARE. PREETILATA WADDEKAR, WHO LED A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST THE EUROPEAN CLUB AND LATER KILLED HERSELF, BELONGED TO SURYA BEN'S GROUP

CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD MANAGED TO ELUDE THE POLICE. HOWEVER ON FEB 27 1931 THE POLICE TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE IN A GARDEN - ALFRED PARK



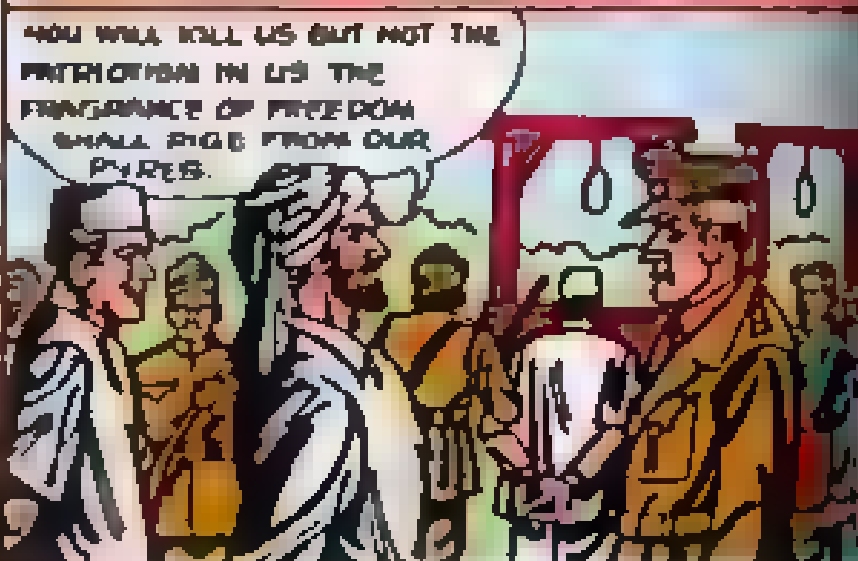
AZAD CONTINUED TO FIRE DESPITE INJURIES RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE BULLETS



FOR THIRTY TWO MINUTES AZAD HELD THE POLICE AT BAY WHEN HE WAS LEFT WITH ONLY ONE BULLET, HE RAISED THE MUFFLE TO HIS TEMPLE AND PRESSED THE TRIGGER.



BHAGAT SINGH, RAJ GURU AND BUDHDEV WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH ON MARCH 23 1931 AS BHAGT SINGH WALKED UP TO THE GALLONS



AS DEC DIED IN THE GARDEN, IRWIN FACT, GANDHI ATTENDED THE SECOND ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE TO BE A STEWARD UNDER BRITISH 1931 TO DEC OF INDIA'S FUTURE BUT THE CONFERENCE FAILED THE INDIAN DELEGATES HAD BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED BY THE VICEROY TO REPRESENT PARTIALS GROUPS AND INTERESTS, NOT INDIA AS A WHOLE



NOT IN THE SEALED INDIA AS A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

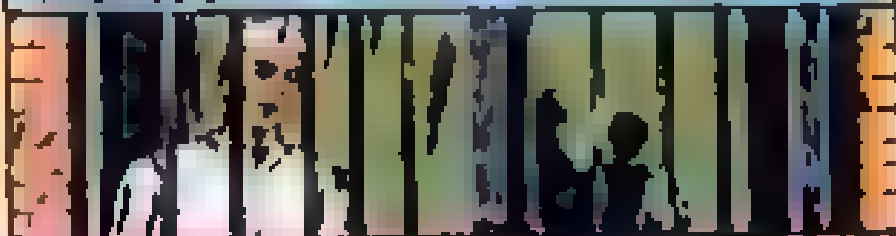
#NOW AZAD PARK

IN CONTRAST —

THE CONGRESS REPRESENTS NO PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, NO PARTICULAR INTEREST. IT CLAIMS TO REPRESENT ALL HUMAN INTERESTS AND ALL CLASSES ABOVE ALL. THE DUMB SEMI-STARVED MILLIONS IN 7,00,000 VILLAGES



BUT BACK IN INDIA THE VICE ROY LORD WILLINGDON, AND THE BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE NOT FRIENDLY ALARMED BY THE SPREADING UNREST IN THE U.P., THE FRONTIER PROVINCES AND BENGAL, THE VICE ROY DECIDED TO CRUSH THE CONGRESS JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AND MUKHARJI GHAFAR KHAN WERE ARRESTED.



THE GOVERNMENT PASSED A SET OF REpressive ORDINANCES IN THE THREE PRO-VINCES

GANDHI LANDED IN BOMBAY ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 18, 1931, AND IN THE EVENING, ADDRESSING A HUGE MASS MEETING ON THE AIRPORT MAIDAN

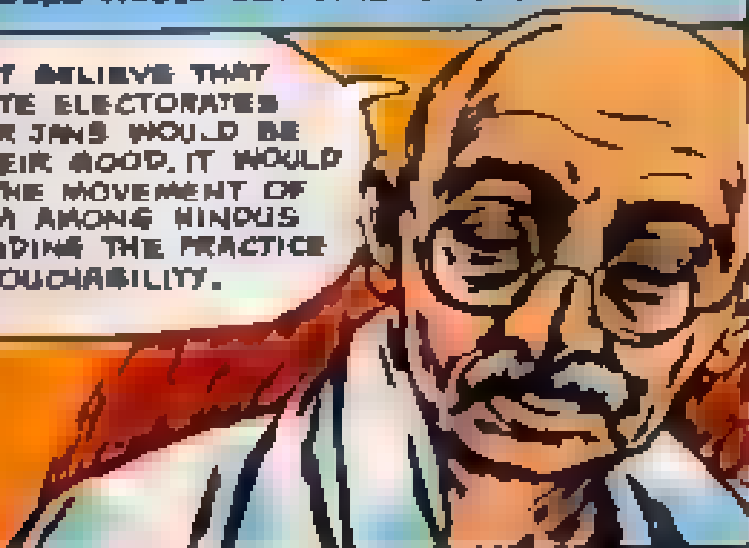


LAST YEAR WE FACED LATHES, BUT THIS TIME WE MUST BE PREPARED TO FACE BULLETS. IF THERE IS TO BE A FIGHT, BE PREPARED FOR EVERY SACRIFICE.

GANDHI REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VICE ROY TO DISCUSS HOW THE STATE OF FEARS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS COULD BE CONTINUED. THE VICE ROY APPROVANTLY REFUSED THE REQUEST AND INSTEAD ARRESTED GANDHI ON JANUARY 4, 1932 AND SO THE SATYAGRAHA STARTED AGAIN AND THOUSANDS WERE JAILED IN A FEW MONTHS INCLUDING ALL CONGRESS LEADERS

WHILE GANDHI WAS IN JAIL, THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER RAMSEY MACDONALD ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO AMEND THE COMMUNAL AWARDS GIVING MINORITY ELECTORATES TO MUSLIMS, SIKHS AND THE DEPRIVED CLASSES. THIS MEANT THAT THESE COMMUNITIES WOULD ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FUTURE LEGISLATURES THIS ALSO MEANT THAT THE DIVISION OF PEOPLE INTO COMMUNITIES AND CLASSES WOULD GET STRENGTHENED.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SEPARATE ELECTORATES FOR MUSLIMS WOULD BE FOR THEIR GOOD. IT WOULD HARM THE MOVEMENT OF REFORM AMONG HINDUS FOR ENDING THE PRACTICE OF UNTOUCHABILITY.



GANDHI'S STRONG REACTION TO THE AWARD BECAME A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

MAHATMA GANDHI SAYS "WILL UNTOUCHABLES REMAIN UNTOUCHABLES FOREVER? I WOULD FAR RATHER THAT HINDUISM DIED THAN THAT UNTOUCHABILITY LIVED."



IN PROTEST AGAINST THE COMMUNAL AWARD, GANDHI WENT ON AN INDEFINITE FAST



AND IT HAPPENED. THERE WAS A GREAT WAVE OF AWAKENING AGAINST UNTOUCHABILITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SOME WELL KNOWN TEMPLES OPENED THEIR DOORS TO HARIJANS AND ENTHUSIASTIC REFORMERS ARRANGED JOINT DINNERS OF CASTE HINDUS AND HARIJANS



FOR GANDHI, WHOSE CONDITION WAS BY NOW CRITICAL, IT WAS 'A MODERN MIRACLE' TO THE NATIONAL LEADERS HE CONVEYED HIS DECISION TO FAST UNTO DEATH, UNLESS THE COMMUNAL AWARD WAS REVOKED. AMBEDKAR MET HIM IN THE JAIL



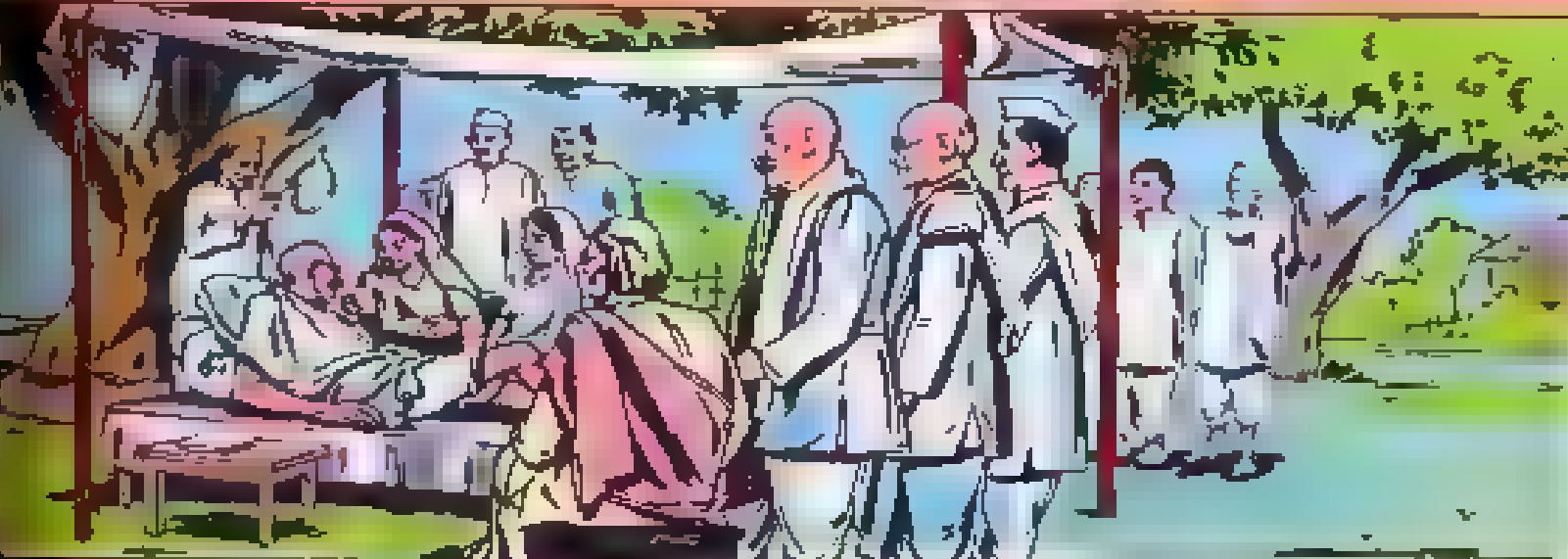
THE SETTLEMENT MADE IN YERANDA JAIL WAS DISCLOSED AND APPROVED AT THE CONFERENCE OF HINDU LEADERS IN BOMBAY, IN SEPTEMBER



NO ONE SHALL BE REGARDED AS AN UNTOUCHABLE BY REASON OF HIS BIRTH, AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SO REGARDED HITHERTO, WILL HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS THE OTHER HINDUS IN REGARD TO THE USE OF PUBLIC WELLS, PUBLIC ROADS AND OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. THIS RIGHT SHALL BE ONE OF THE EARLIEST ACTS OF THE SWARAJ PARLIAMENT

# THE STORY OF THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE

AFTER FOUR DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE LEADERS AND DR B.R. AMBEDKAR A SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED OF IT WHEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE POONA PART, 'HINDU' BROKE HIS FAST IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1932



ALTHOUGH HE WAS RELEASED ON MAY 8, 1933, HE SERVED TWO MORE TERMS IN PRISON AND WAS FINALLY RELEASED IN AUGUST 1933. HE UNDERTOOK A NINE MONTHS TOUR OF THE COUNTRY, FROM NOVEMBER 1933 FOR THE PROPAGATION OF HIS MESSAGE OF ABOLITION OF UNTOUCHABILITY.



MEANWHILE SURYA SEN, WHO HAD ELUDED THE POLICE FOR MORE THAN 3½ YEARS WAS TAKEN PRISONER ON MAY 19, 1933 AND WAS HANGED ON JANUARY 12, 1934

SURYA SEN AND HIS COMPANIE TAPAKESHWAR DASTIDAR WHO WAS HANGED ON THE SAME DAY WERE GIVEN A BURIAL IN THE SEA



AS AN OUTCOME OF THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT 1935 WAS PASSED GRANTING PARTIAL AUTONOMY TO THE PROVINCES. THE CONGRESS WON HANDSOMELY IN THE ELECTIONS HELD IN 1937, FORMING MINISTRIES IN EIGHT OUT OF THE ELEVEN PROVINCES IN THE COUNTRY.



THE MUSLIM LEAGUE HEADED BY M A JINNAH DID POORLY AT THE ELECTIONS AND GOT NO SHARE OF POWER IN ANY OF THE PROVINCES. ANGRY, JINNAH STARTED A CAMPAIGN AMONG THE MUSLIMS WITH THE CRY, "ISLAM IN DANGER".

CONGRESS PRESIDENT, SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, MET JINNAH AT HIS RESIDENCE IN BOMBAY, TO DISCUSS HIS DEMANDS, BUT THEY COULD NOT COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.



JINNAH'S CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDED SO WELL THAT IN TWO OR THREE YEARS, HE BECAME THE MOST POWERFUL MUSLIM LEADER.

THEN IN SEPTEMBER 1939 WORLD WAR II BROKE. THE THREAT OF HITLER LOOMED OVER ENGLAND AND FRANCE.



THE CONGRESS ASKED FOR THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM AFTER THE WAR IN RETURN FOR HELP IN THE WAR EFFORT.

IN ALL PROVINCES EXCEPT BENGAL, THE PUNJAB AND SIND

WHEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSED THE CONGRESS MINISTRIES RESIGNED JINNAH CALLED ON THE MUSLIMS TO CELEBRATE DECEMBER 22, 1938 AS "DELIVERANCE DAY". HE PERSUADED THE MUSLIM LEAGUE SESSION AT LAHORE ON MARCH 24, 1940, TO DEMAND THE PARTITION OF INDIA AND THE FORMATION OF A MUSLIM STATE, PAKISTAN.



JINNAH TERMED THE HINDUS AND THE MUSLIMS 'TWO NATIONS'

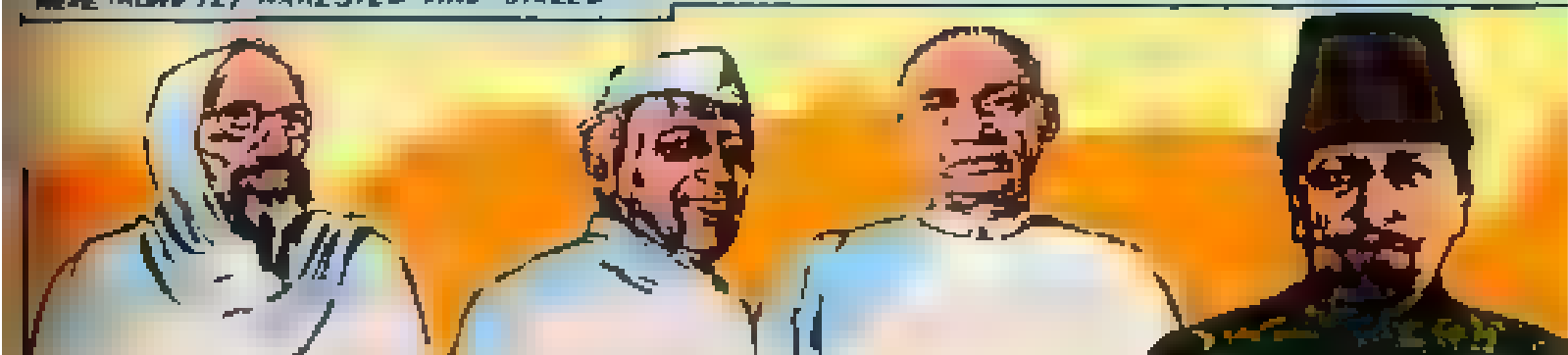
GANDHI WAS DEEPLY PAINED BY JINNAH'S STATEMENT

THE 'TWO-NATIONS' THEORY IS AN UNTRUTH AS A MAN OF NON-VIOLENCE, I CANNOT FORCIBLY RESIST THE PROPOSED PARTITION IF THE MUSLIMS OF INDIA INSIST UPON IT BUT I CAN NEVER BE A WILLING PARTY TO THE VIVISECTION...

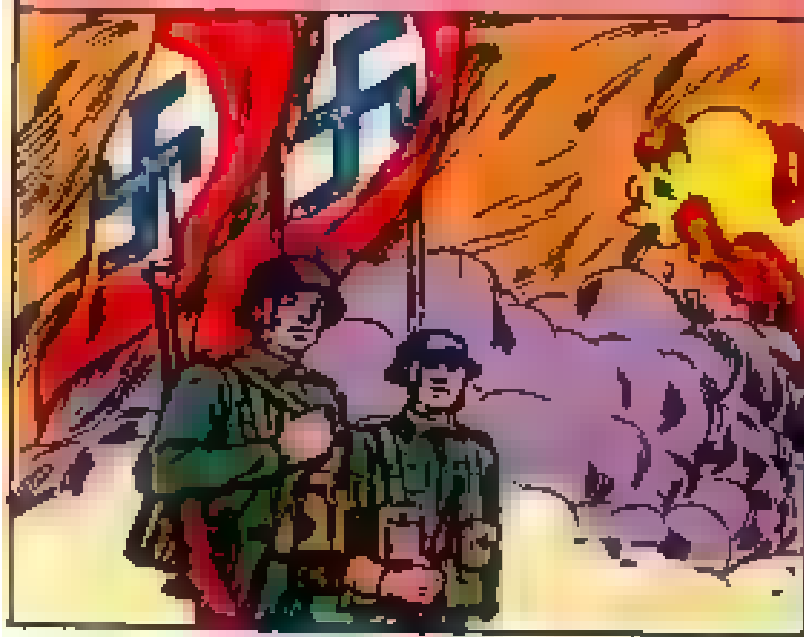
FOR IT MEANS THE UNDOING OF CENTURIES OF WORK DONE BY NUMBERLESS HINDUS AND MUSLIMS TO LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE NATION. MY WHOLE SOUL REBELS AGAINST THE IDEA THAT HINDUISM AND ISLAM REPRESENT TWO ANTAGONISTIC CULTURES AND DOCTRINES.



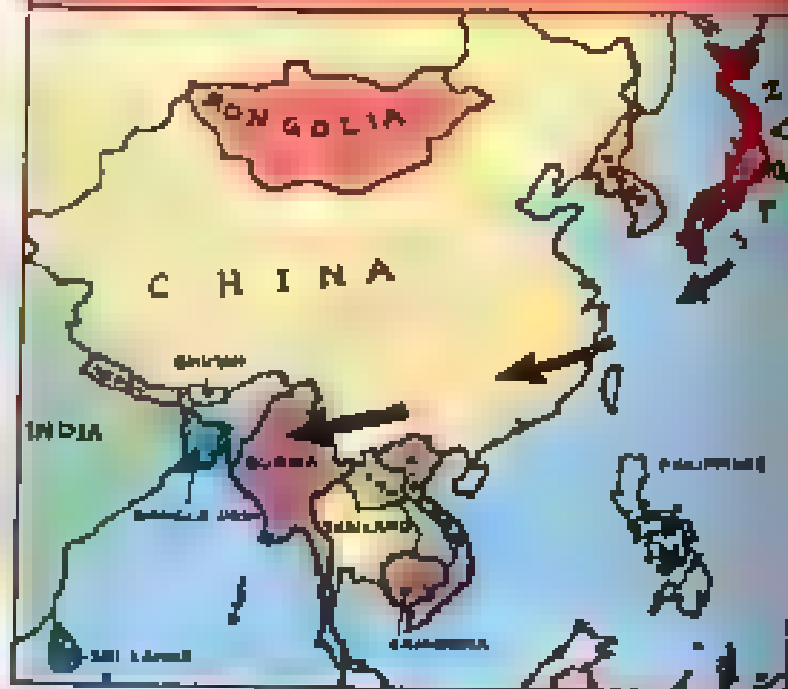
IN JUNE 1940 CHURCHILL BECAME THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE HOPE OF THE CONGRESS DEMANDS BEING MET BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DIMINISHED. MASS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE WAS NOW REPLACED BY INDIVIDUAL SATYAGRAH. ONE BY ONE SENIOR CONGRESS LEADERS AND PEOPLE WEDDED TO THE GANDHIAN WAY OF LIFE INCLUDING VINODRA AVASTHI, ANANDBHAI NEHRU, VALI RAJAHARI PATEL, RAUL KALAM RAJAD, WERE PICKED BY GANDHI AS SATYAGRAHIS. THEY GAVE ANTI-WAR SPEECHES AND WERE PROMPTLY ARRESTED AND JAILED.



IN JUNE 1941, HITLER INVADED THE SOVIET UNION AND IN DECEMBER, JAPAN JOINED THE AXIS POWERS, GERMANY AND ITALY THE WAR BECAME REALLY GLOBAL NOW



BY MARCH 1942, THE JAPANESE WERE IN BURMA AND WERE MOVING TOWARDS INDIA



IN DECEMBER 1941, INDIVIDUAL SATYAGRAHIS WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL. ON MARCH 23, 1942 SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH CABINET, ARRIVED WITH A NEW OFFER



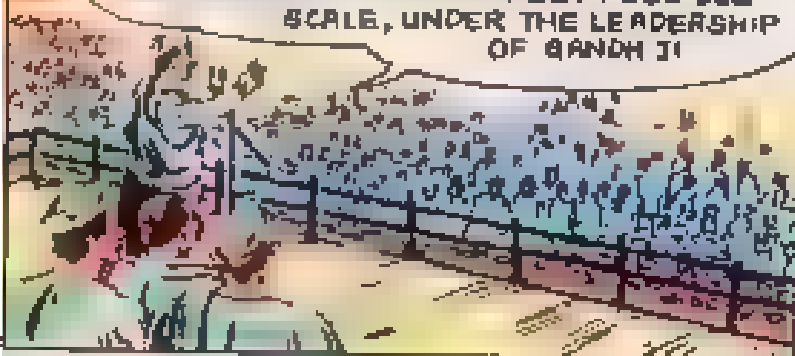
IT PROMISED FREEDOM AFTER THE WAR, AND A CONSTITUTION FORMED BY INDIANS BUT IT ALSO GAVE PROVINCES AND PRINCES THE OPTION TO KEEP OUT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT

THIS COULD LEAD NOT ONLY TO TWO INDIAS BUT SEVERAL OF THEM DESCRIBING THE PROPOSALS AS A POST DATED CHEQUE, GANDHI WAS RATHER BLUNT DURING HIS MEETING WITH CRIPPS.



GANDHI'S STAND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE MEETING OF THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 1942 AT A MEETING AT RAJGHALIA TANK, THE 'QUIT INDIA' RESOLUTION WAS PASSED

THE IMMEDIATE ENDING OF BRITISH RULE IN INDIA IS AN URGENT NECESSITY BOTH FOR THE SAKE OF INDIA AND FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CAUSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE, RESOLVES TO SANCTION THE STARTING OF A MASS STRUGGLE ON NON VIOLENT LINES ON THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SCALE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GANDHIJI



GANDHI HAD TOLD THE A.I.C.C ON AUGUST 7 —

AT A TIME WHEN I AM ABOUT TO LAUNCH THE BIGGEST FIGHT IN MY LIFE, THERE CAN BE NO HATRED FOR THE BRITISH IN MY HEART IN A MOMENT OF ANGER, THEY MIGHT DO THINGS WHICH MIGHT PROVOKE YOU NEVER—THELESS, YOU SHOULD NOT RESORT TO VIOLENCE

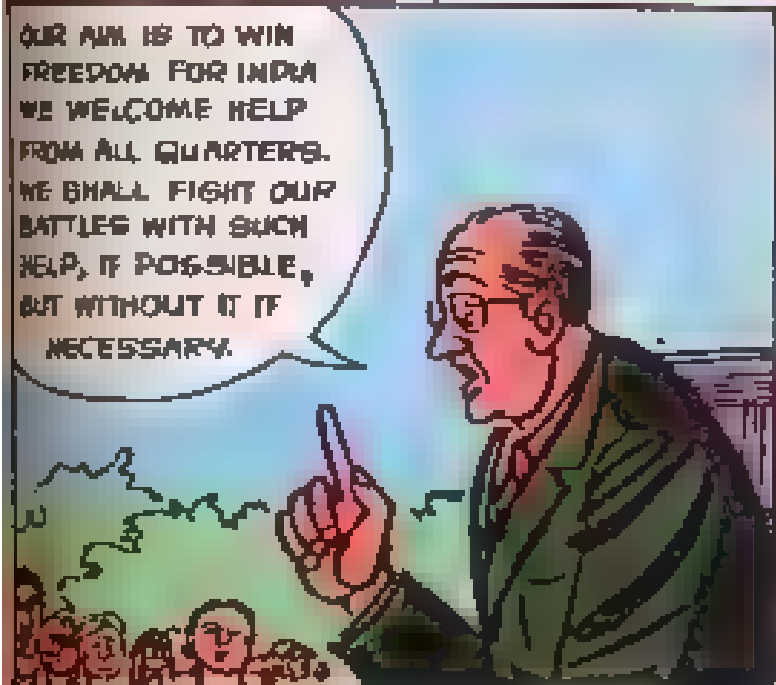
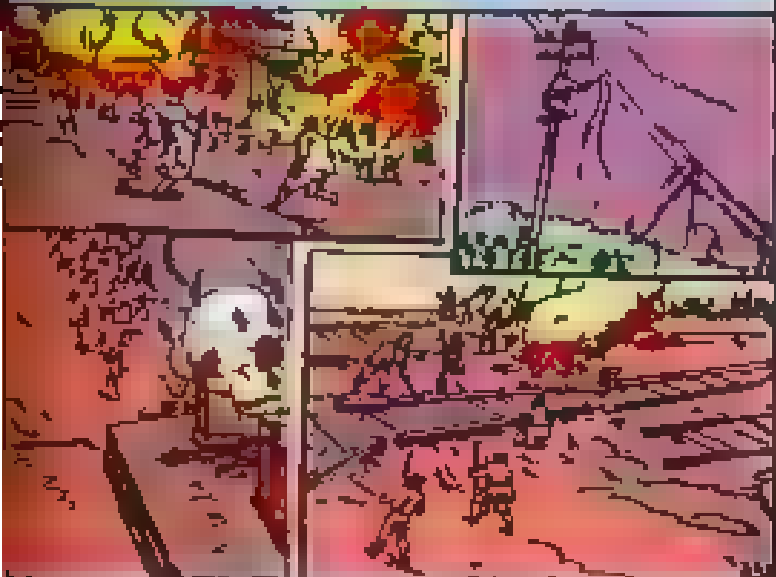


THE GOVERNMENT DID, IN ANGER, ACT RAPIDLY, THOUGH GANDHI HAD DECLARED THAT HE WOULD NOT START THE MOVEMENT BEFORE HE HAD SEEN THE VICEROY...

THE GOVERNMENT ARRESTED GANDHI AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE EARLY IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 3 BEFORE BEING TAKEN AWAY BY THE POLICE GANDHI GAVE A MESSAGE TO "EVERY NON-VIOLENT SOLDIER OF FREEDOM"



BUT WITHOUT GANDHI TO CONTROL AND GUIDE THEM, SOME LEADERS WENT UNDERGROUND AND DISREGARDED THE GANDHIAN OBSERVANCE OF NON-VIOLENCE



AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER ALL OVER THE COUNTRY-



IN 1915 AFTER THE ABORTED UPRISING RASH BEHARI HAD ESCAPED TO JAPAN WHEN THE SECOND WORLD WAR BROKE OUT, HE TOURED SOUTH EAST ASIA, BUILDING UP HIS INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY. HE DID NOT HESITATE TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE JAPANESE TO ACHIEVE HIS AIM.



MEANWHILE, SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE WHO HAD REACHED JAPAN IN JANUARY 1941 AND JOINED RASH BEHARI BOSE, URGED THE PEOPLE THROUGH RADIO MESSAGES TO FIGHT THE BRITISH WITH THE HELP OF THE JAPANESE

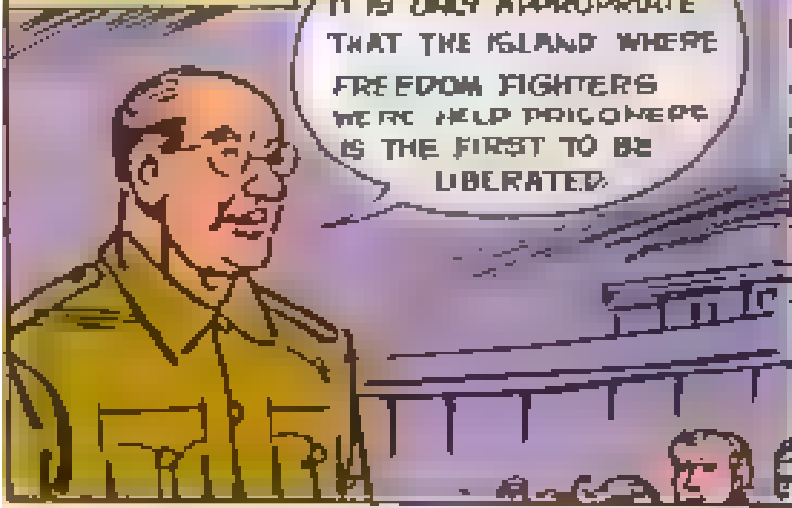


ON JULY 4, 1943 RASH BEHARI BOSE HANDED OVER THE COMMAND TO SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AT A PARADE HELD IN SINGAPORE



AS LONG AS THERE IS BREATH IN MY BODY I SHALL BE THE SOLDIER THAT I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN — THE SOLDIER IN THE BATTLE FOR MOTHER INDIA'S FREEDOM.

INDIAN SOLDIERS DESERTED THE BRITISH ARMY AND SWELLED THE RANKS OF AZAD HIND FAUJ. NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE SET UP A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF FREE INDIA IN SINGAPORE. JAPAN HANDED OVER THE ANDAMANS AND NICOBAR ISLANDS TO AZAD HIND GOVERNMENT.

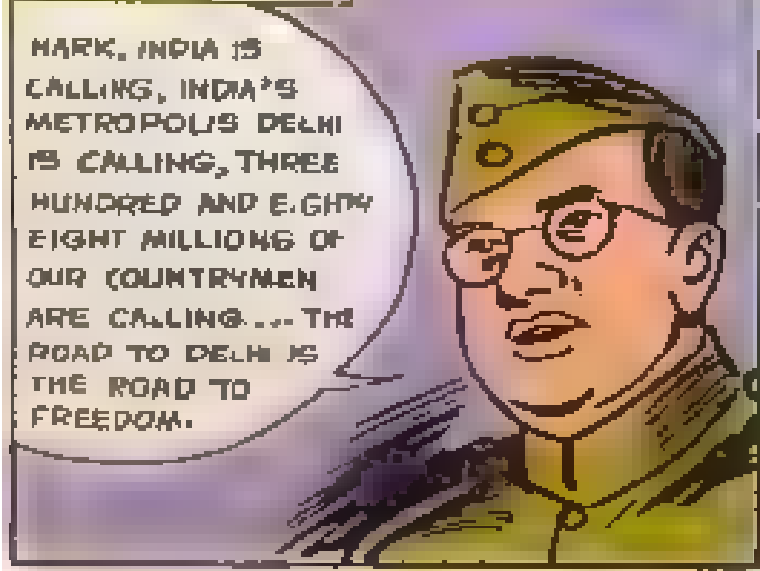


IT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE ISLAND WHERE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE HELD PRISONERS IS THE FIRST TO BE LIBERATED.

ON MARCH 18, 1944 THE AZAD HIND FAUJ CROSSED THE BURMA BORDER. ITS MEN KISSED THE SACRED SOIL OF INDIA.



SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE ADDRESSED THE AZAD HIND FAUJ—



HARK, INDIA IS CALLING, INDIA'S METROPOLIS DELHI IS CALLING, THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHT MILLIONS OF OUR COUNTRYMEN ARE CALLING... THE ROAD TO DELHI IS THE ROAD TO FREEDOM.

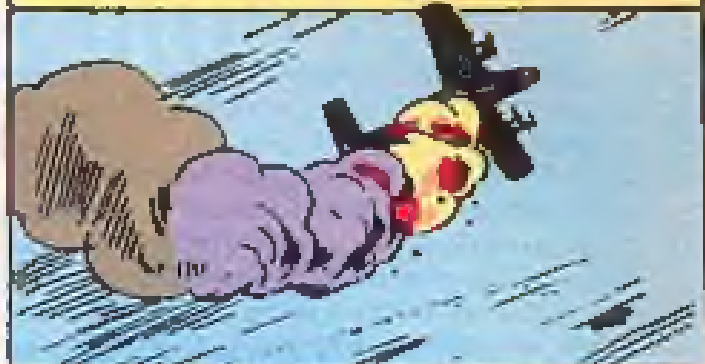
HOWEVER, THE ALLIES EMERGED VICTORIOUS IN THE WAR. THE AZAD HIND SOLDIERS COULD NOT EXPECT JAPANESE BACKING ANYMORE. THEY WERE ON THEIR OWN.



FROM MAY 1945, THE POLITICAL SITUATION CHANGED. GERMANY SURRENDERED ON MAY 7 AND WAS FOLLOWED BY JAPAN ON AUGUST 10.



IN THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST, SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE WAS INJURED IN A PLANE CRASH AND DIED IN JAPAN.



IN ENGLAND, THE LABOUR PARTY WON THE ELECTION BY A HUGE MAJORITY AND BEGAN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE VICEROY FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

GANDHI WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED IN MAY 1944, TRIED TO PERSUADE JINNAH TO GIVE UP HIS DEMAND FOR PAKISTAN, BUT DID NOT SUCCEED.



IN FEBRUARY 1946, THE INDIAN SAILORS OF THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY MUTINIED IN BOMBAY, WHICH GAVE URGENCY TO THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

THREE MINISTERS OF THE BRITISH CABINET, LORD PETHICK-LAWRENCE, SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, AND A. V. ALEXANDER CAME OUT TO INDIA IN MARCH 1946 TO DISCUSS WITH INDIAN LEADERS HOW POWER COULD BE TRANSFERRED.

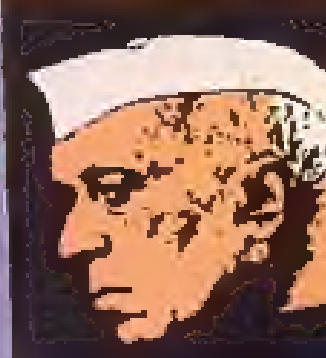


DUE TO PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS, THEY FAILED TO BRING ABOUT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE. THE VICEROY THEN INVITED JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TO FORM A PROVISIONAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER HIM.

A NEW VICEROY, LORD MOUNTBATTEN, ARRIVED ON MARCH 22, 1947, TO CARRY OUT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO HAND OVER POWER TO THE INDIANS BEFORE JUNE 1948.



ON AUGUST 15, 1947, PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU HOISTED THE TRICOLOUR ATOP THE RED FORT —



AFTER TWO MONTHS OF TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN LEADERS OF ALL PARTIES, MOUNTBATTEN MADE THE MUSLIMS AGREE TO THE PARTITION OF INDIA, AND JINNAH TO THE PARTITION OF BENGAL AND THE PUNJAB. JINNAH DID NOT AT ALL LIKE THE CONGRESS LEADERS' DECISION TO ACCEPT PARTITION, BUT DID NOT PUBLICLY PROTEST IT. THE DATE OF FREEDOM WAS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM JUNE 1948 TO AUGUST 15, 1947.





## A note from the Editor

The number of people who fought bravely in the freedom struggle or fell victim to British bullets or atrocities is so large that all of them cannot find mention in a concise account like ours. All the same we could not but fail to notice a few omissions after putting together this volume.

In the South, a prominent revolutionary was Wanchi Iyer, who shot down Robert William D'Escount Ashe, the collector of Tinnevely, the embodiment of all the British oppression in the area, on June 17, 1911. Soon after, Wanchi shot himself. Another prominent name is of Alluri Sitaram Raju, who had struck terror in the minds of the British rulers by his frequent raids on police stations accompanied by his armed

comrades. He worked mainly among the tribals. He was captured on May 7, 1924. The hero of many encounters and battles with the police was tied to a tree and shot dead like an animal. Gandhi wrote of him, "I cannot withhold my homage from a youth so brave, so self-sacrificing, so simple and so noble in character as Shri Rama Raju."

Jayaprakash Narayan was a star that shone on the horizon, almost ever since he returned to India in November 1929 after studying abroad. During the Quit India Movement, he went underground, set up a training centre for revolutionaries and served as a guide and source of inspiration to freedom-fighters all over India.

Among the martyrs of the

Quit India Movement were Kanaklata Barua of Assam who was shot dead while holding the Congress flag and Hemu Kalani of Sindh who was hanged for participating in the movement.

Mention must be made of those freedom fighters who led small pockets of resistance against the British. Birsa Bhagawan (also known as Birsa Munda) led the Santhal rebellion armed only with bows and arrows! Further east, the Nagas were led by Gidalyu Rani. She spent 18 years in prison (1931-1949) for her role in the freedom struggle.

A silent, but an extremely significant role was played by Swami Vivekananda. He was responsible for inculcating a sense of self-esteem in Indians.



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Kanaklata  
Barua

◀  
Alluri  
Sitaram  
Raju

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